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19 KILLED AS PLANE CRASHES INTO LAKE IN TANZANIA

A small passenger plane carrying 43 crashed into Lake Victoria as it was approaching to land at Bukoba Airport

MISHAP BLAMED ON BAD WEATHER

Local authorities said 26 people on board the Precision Air flight from Dar es Salaam were pulled out and taken to hospital. Some reports said the dead include two rescuers who drowned during the rescue operation. The crash was blamed on bad weather. "It was raining and the plane plunged into water," about 100 metres from runway, a police officer said

FOOTAGE SHOWS JET LARGELY SUBMERGED

- A video footage showed the aircraft submerged in water with only its tail visible. Emergency personnel were seen trying to pull the jet out of water using ropes assisted by cranes
- Two pilots survived the crash and have managed to speak to local officials. They are undergoing treatment for injuries | **P9**

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AIRCRAFT INVOLVED IN CRASH WAS MADE BY FRANCO-ITALIAN FIRM

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Sri Lankan cricketer held in Sydney for alleged sexual assault

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Chennai

SRI LANKAN cricketer Danushka Gunathilaka, who was ruled out of the T20 World Cup due to hamstring injury in the first round, was arrested in Sydney for alleged sexual assault. He was arrested by Sydney city police on the wee hours of Sunday from the team hotel after the police investigation into a sexual assault report by a 29-year-old woman in the Rose Bay suburb of the city earlier in this week.

"The woman met with the man after communicating with him for a number of days via an online dating application; it's alleged he then sexually assaulted her on the evening of Wednesday 2 November 2022," a New South Wales police statement said.

Following the arrest, the Sri Lanka Cricket issued a statement saying they will closely monitor the proceedings and take "stern action" if he was proven guilty.

Earlier in 2018, the SLC had suspended him after his unnamed friend was accused of raping a Norwegian women.

India & Pak enter semifinals, Proteas bow out

The T20 World Cup took an unexpected turn on Sunday as the Proteas got knocked out and the two Asian teams advance to the knockouts. A look...

DUTCH OF MASTERCLASS

South Africa were placed second in the group. A win on Sunday would have taken them to the semifinals. But, Netherlands' Colin Ackermann (26-ball 41) and Brandon Glover (3/9) brought out their A game to spoil South Africa's party. Chasing 159, the Proteas crumbled under pressure in a must-win World Cup game yet again to face an early exit

PAKISTAN TOIL BEFORE WIN

Once the Proteas lost, things became straightforward for Pakistan. They had to beat Bangladesh. And Shaheen Shah Afridi set it all up with a career-best (4/22), restricting Bangladesh to 127/8. However, with Pakistan, things are never simple. Their openers squandered the start but Mohammad Haris and Shan Masood's stand in the middle eventually got them across the line

INDIA SKY HIGH, TO FACE ENGLAND NEXT

Rohit Sharma's poor run continued. Virat Kohli got off to a slow start. But none of it mattered in the end as Suryakumar Yadav did what he has been doing all through 2022, smashing an unbeaten 25-ball 61 to put India on top against Zimbabwe. With a massive 71-run win, India finished on the top of Group 2. They have a tough contest against England in the second semifinal on Thursday | **P11**

193.96 India's Suryakumar Yadav — who is third on the list of leading run-scorers with just 21 runs behind Virat Kohli (246) at the top — has the highest strike rate of any batter with 60 or more runs in the ongoing T20 World Cup

SEMIFINAL FIXTURES **Nov 9, Sydney: New Zealand vs Pakistan | Nov 10, Adelaide: India vs England**

BJP power point with four of 7 bypoll seats in its bag

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ New Delhi

THE BJP showed why it is a formidable war machine as it won four of the seven Assembly bypolls, results for which were announced on Sunday.

The biggest loser was the Congress as two seats it held — Adampur in Haryana and Munugode in Telangana — were wrested by the BJP and the Telangana Rashtra Samithi, respectively. Both seats had fallen vacant following the defection of the sitting Congress members to the BJP.

The only place Congress put up some fight was in Adampur where it came second with 39.35% votes. In the other two seats it contested, Munugodu and Dhamnagar in Odisha, it managed to poll just 10.58% and 2.18%, respectively.

The Adamapur seat went to Oxford-educated BJP candidate Bhavya Bishnoi, son Kuldeep Bishnoi who defected to the BJP. In Dhamnagar, the BJP's Suryabanshi Suraj polled 49.09% votes, defeating the BJD by a margin of 9,881 votes.

The BJP's Kusum Devi won the Gopalganj seat by the slimmest of margins, defeating RJD candidate Mohan Prasad Gupta by 1,794 votes. The seat had fallen vacant after the death of Kusum's husband Subhash Singh. Kusum got 41.6% of the total votes polled.

WHO GOT WHAT

BJP holds three seats, Gola Gokarannath in UP, Dhamnagar in Odisha and Gopalganj in Bihar; wrests Adampur in Haryana from Congress

RJD retains Mokama; TRS wrests Munugodu from Cong; Shiv Sena (Uddhav) holds Andheri

Elated at Gopalganj victory, BJP national general secretary (organisation) B L Santosh said: "The victory is especially sweet in Bihar because the BJP was up against ruling mahagathbandhan."

According to poll analyst P K D Nambiar, it was the Modi magic at work.

In the high profile Mokama seat that was billed as a muscleman vs muscleman contest, the RJD's Neelam Devi defeated BJP's Sonam Devi by more than 16,000 votes. The by-election was necessitated after the disqualification of Neelam's husband Anant Singh by a Patna court in an arms case.

Of the six states where by-elections were held, Munugode witnessed a prestigious battle between the ruling TRS and the BJP. The bypoll for the seat was necessitated following the resignation of Congress MLA Komatireddy Rajagopal Reddy, who entered the fray on a BJP ticket. He was defeated by TRS' Kusukuntla Prabhakar Reddy by more than 10,000 votes.

In Uttar Pradesh, the BJP comfortably retained its Gola Gokrannath seat, getting 55.88% of the total votes polled. At 40.52% the SP was a distant second in the race. This seat has also fallen vacant after the death of BJP's sitting MLA Arvind Giri. The Congress and the BSP had not fielded their candidates this time.

Rutuja Latke, the candidate of Shiv Sena (Uddhav Balasaheb Thackeray), won the Andheri (East) seat earlier represented by her late husband. Interestingly, the second-highest number of votes — 14.7% — went to the None Of The Above (NOTA) option there. **P7**

EXPRESS READ

UCC in Himachal if BJP voted back to power: Shah

Chandigarh: Uniform Civil Code will be implemented in Himachal Pradesh and all irregularities in the salary system of government staff will be looked into if the BJP comes back to power, Union Home Minister Amit Shah said on Sunday. Addressing polls rallies in the hill state, Shah said this poll is not about electing MLAs or the CM, but making India "a strong and a great country under PM Modi" | **P8**

SC verdict on pleas against 10% EWS quota today

New Delhi: The Supreme Court is scheduled to pronounce on Monday its judgment on a batch of pleas challenging the validity of the 103rd amendment to the Constitution providing 10 per cent reservation to economically weaker sections in admissions and government jobs. A five-judge Constitution bench, headed by Chief Justice of India UU Lalit, will deliver the verdict.

HARMONY

Krishna puja sees Muslim, Hindu youth join hands

SUBHASH CHANDRA NS @ Karwar

A group of Hindu and Muslim friends has come together to install an idol of Lord Krishna and has been worshipping it for the last one month at Habbuwada in Karwar.

The youth, who are daily wagers, are worshipping the idol as it is considered auspicious to perform pujas for Lord Krishna during Deepavali by the people of Karwar and surrounding areas. "This is the first time that we have organised a Krishna puja in our Locality. Our friend Nagraj wanted to worship the idol, saying Krishna is the universal God and people from all communities will be blessed. We all pooled in money for the idol and brought it here. We have been performing pujas on our own, and once done, we will immerse the idol in the sea," said Shahrukh.

The friends – Nagraj, Babu, Shahrukh, Hritik, Mohammed and Siddiqui – got the clay idol prepared, consecrated it and are now worshipping it. "We have been friends since childhood. We studied together and prayed together. We meet almost every day. We celebrate Muslim festivals and they join us during Hindu festivals," said Babu. **P4**

Ex-IB officer killed for objecting to neighbour's building violation?

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Mysuru

TWO days after a former Intelligence Bureau (IB) officer was killed in what seemed to be a road accident, there was a twist in the tale on Sunday. The police have now established that the death of RN Kulkarni, a retired assistant director of IB, who was hit by a speeding car on November 4, was a planned murder.

Sources close to the investigation said that Kulkarni was murdered as he had questioned a neighbour for allegedly violating Mysuru City Corporation bylaws while constructing a building.

Kulkarni, who was walking near the Biotechnology Department on the Manasagangotri campus of Mysore University, was hit by the car, killing him on the spot around 5.30 pm on November 4. Initially, the VV Puram traffic police filed a hit-and-run case. But CCTV footage, which surfaced on social media, helped cops establish it as a murder. As seen in the CCTV footage, the car deliberately swerves and crashes into Kulkarni from the rear. Once the footage went viral, the VV Puram traffic police transferred the case to Jayalakshmipuram police station, where Kulkarni's son-in-law Sanjaya Angadi had filed a complaint.

It stated that Kulkarni, who had come to know that their neighbour Madappa was constructing a building, had requested him to leave space as per the bylaw. "But Madappa had not considered my father-in-law's request and started the construction, violating the by-laws. My father-in-law filed a complaint with the corporation and even brought a stay on the construction from the High Court," the complaint stated. **P5**

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Kharge asks Cong leaders to unite, win K'taka in 2023 | P4

Twitter subscription service in India within a month | P9

Start-ups choose to give miss to latest IPO rush | P10

Kamal-Mani: Union of legends after 35 long years | P5

LOOKS CAN BE DECEPTIVE, PROVES MV TERMINAL

Sliding doors malfunction, no prepaid cab bay or lift to reach plaform

S LALITHA @ Bengaluru

SIR M Visvesvaraya Terminal at Baiyappanahalli, which was opened four months ago, and witnesses an average of 15,000 footfalls per day, still lack basic passenger amenities. The people who were enchanted by its airport-like looks of the terminal are put off now.

From the entrance, the problems start. As the concourse is air-conditioned, closed doors are required, but it hinders smooth movement of passengers. An official said, "A busy railway station should not have sensor-based sliding doors. It has malfunctioned a few times, and passengers rushing to board a train are stuck the other side. Railway staffers rushed to the spot and physically opened the doors."

Another official said that airport-like doors will not work at a railway station because of the high passenger count for each train. "Many passengers who buy tickets from the counter last minute rush to board the train, and so the doors need to be open." There are two entry and exit doors, all positioned along the only entry.

The help desk is empty as no staff is posted by the Railways.

Another official said that prepaid cab and auto counters should be opened immediately, and alleged that passengers are fleeced by drivers often, with limited bus service. A Vaidyanathan, a passenger, said, "Station access is a big issue. Autorickshaw drivers refuse to bring us here stating they have to return empty."

There are no lifts or escalators to reach platforms two to seven on the first floor except for a long walk via a ramp leading to the subway or a bridge. They are likely to come up in future.

The subway walls are dotted with pan stains where framed photos the city's attractions hang, and maintenance outsourced to a private agency.

Professor Chandrashekhar said the small eateries were not adequate to cater to so many passengers as IRCTC caterers move across platforms selling food packets.

A porter said that people struggle daily without an ATM to withdraw cash.

The Government Railway Police has not been given a space to set up a station.

Bengaluru Divisional Railway Manager Shyam Singh assured that amenities will be made available soon.

(Top) There are only two entry and exit doors, all positioned along the sole entry point; an empty help desk with no staffer posted by the Railways | EXPRESS

PORTION OF ROOF CAVES IN, REPAIRED LATER

In the ₹314-crore station with an air-conditioned concourse, a small portion of the roof of Sir M Visvesvaraya Terminal caved in last week, said multiple sources at the station. "Heavy rain and gusty winds caused the light iron sheets above to give way at night, last week. We noticed that a portion of the iron sheets was hanging in the morning, and all passengers were shifted below and the area barricaded," he said. The problem was rectified next day, he added. Two other sources confirmed it.

Higher footfall, sale make Krishi Mela a hit

NAMRATA SINDWANI @ Bengaluru

THE four-day Krishi Mela 2022, which concluded on Sunday, witnessed farmers showing an interest in animal rearing as an additional source of income. Compared to last year, there has been a jump in the number of enquiries, bookings and sale of birds or animals.

There was an overwhelming response to the mela which saw an increase in footfalls with the last day falling on Sunday, and customers rushing to the event to catch a glimpse of innovations and latest technologies.

Farmers were educated on alternative methods of income as well.

Many farm owners and sellers said that they more people have come up to them asking how to start an animal rearing farm for goats, sheep, and poultry products. Dr S Balaraj, farm manager, central poultry development organisation, said that they have sold around 2,000 chickens over a period of four days. Relative to previous years, there has been a rise in sales and people's response was much better, he said.

A huge rush on the last day of Krishi Mela 2022 in Bengaluru on Sunday which saw a rise in number of enquiries, bookings, and soaring sales figures | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

The aim was to educate people about rearing poultry birds as they could be maintained with meagre investment with higher returns compared to broilers. Dr Jayanayak, professor, Veterinary College, Hebbal, said that this year, there was a 20 per cent rise in the sale of poultry birds, and the variety Giriraja was the highest selling variety.

Fish rearing becoming popular after the introduction of Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana which enabled farmers to get it at a subsidised rate, said Dr KB Rajanna, professor and head, Fisheries Research and Information Centre. Different varieties of fishes were sold to around 1,000-1,500 customers at a cheaper rate to promote the concept of fish rearing.

Other business owners like a Bengaluru-based startup Beegle Agritech, who rent out drone in south India for mapping, surveying and image processing, analysing crop health, crop count and yield, saw enquiries from Assam for surveying and mapping out their tea plantations before planting the next crop.

Goutham Chand Gathiya, a farm owner from Mandya district, registered a sale of over one lakh, and was overwhelmed since it was his first time. Stall owners suggested that the mela should be organised frequently to provide them with a platform to showcase their products and also an opportunity to learn about new technologies.

SOUTH AFRICAN DORPER SHEEP SOLD FOR ₹5 LAKH

The Dorper, which is a South African breed of domestic sheep, was sold for Rs 5 lakh at the Krishi Mela on Friday. G Satish from Sinchanaa Goat and Sheep Farm, Marenahalli, sold a male Dorper, with its distinctive black head, weighing 100kg to Raghavendra G from Kurburu Chintamani on Friday. It is expected to weigh around 150 kg in the next few months. He said he has made another 100 bookings for this sheep for cross-breeding.

E-waste list lengthier with 106 items

S LALITHA @ Bengaluru

THE Centre has notified new rules, increasing the number of items that come under the e-waste category. In a gazette notification issued on November 2 by the Ministry of Environment the items in the list has been increased to 106 from 21. For Karnataka, it is of much importance as the state is among the top e-waste generators.

The notification states that the new E-Waste (Management) Rules, 2022, will come into effect from the next FY.

Freezers, vacuum cleaners, dish washing machines, microwaves, modems, GPS, routers, cordless telephones, video cameras, recorders, set top boxes, video games, appliances used for sewing, knitting, weaving and so on are among the 86 items on the new e-waste list.

Asked about the new rules, an official of the KSPCB told TNIE that the state generated around 1.2 lakh tonnes of e-waste in the 2021-2022 FY. "The new rule will definitely create a massive surge in e-waste generation from next FY. However, there needs to be some digital tracking system. At present, there is a staff shortage to monitor the volume of waste generated," he said.

The rules introduces an Extended Producer Responsibility Framework whereby the manufacturer, producer, refurbisher or recycler of the e-products need to compulsorily register under one or more of these categories, if applicable.

Catholic Bishops' meet on till Nov 11

ENS @ Bengaluru

THE Catholic Bishops' Conference of India (CBCI), the apex body of the Catholic Church in India, has announced that its 35th general body meeting at St. John's, Bengaluru, that started on Sunday will be held till November 11, where an assembly of over 200 Bishops will discuss the theme of "Synodality: The Call to be a Synodal Church." Due to the pandemic, the meeting, which is held every two years, could not be held earlier.

All units across the country have gone through the process of discussing Synodality from the grassroot level, and new ways have been debated which are being involving all sections of the parish and diocese in walking together for one mission of Christ. Workshops will also be held, which will give rise to the final statement of the Assembly which the Bishops will strive to implement in the next two years, said Archbishop Felix Machado, secretary general, CBCI.

He said, "The CBCI has an estimated 22 million adherents in India. The CBCI has over 200 Bishops and 64 retired Bishops. The Catholic Church in India runs over 54,000 educational institutions, which impart education to around six crore kids and youth, and over 20,000 hospitals, clinics, dispensaries."

Pourakarmikas want permanent jobs, warn of stir

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

DURING a state-level convention on Sunday, pourakarmikas threatened that they will launch a massive protest if they are not made permanent staff soon, and given better working conditions.

As part of the All India Central Council of Trade Unions (AICCTU), BBMP Pourakarmika Sangha held a convention where they demanded permanent employment and basic facilities. "An indefinite protest was launched on July 1 demanding permanent employment and other basic facilities for all pourakarmikas across the state. At that time, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai had promised in writing that all pourakarmikas will be made permanent, and a committee was constituted for the purpose. However, before the report was released, the government announced that only 11,000 pourakarmikas will be recruited across the state, whereas the total strength is 48,000," said BBMP Pourakarmika Sangha president Nirmala.

The workers also demanded that they should be given decent wages, timely payment of salaries, provision for sites and home be constructed, restroom, maternity leave, pension, compensation for deaths and injuries, and provision for the education of the workers and their children.

"Workers are facing severe hardships. Drivers and helpers are still working as contract labourers, and not provided with service facilities as required by the law. The government should recognise them as pourakarmikas as well," said Keshav Nayak, general secretary, Karnataka Pragathipara Tyajya Saagisuva Vaahana Chalakaru Mattu Sayakara Sangha.

NOTIFICATION TO REGULARISE 11,136 POURAKARMIKAS OUT, SAYS BOMMAI

The state government has issued a notification to regularise the services of 11,136 pourakarmikas, said Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai. Speaking to media persons after naming a park in BBMP limits of Byatarayanapura Assembly constituency as Babasaheb Dr BR Ambedkar Lake Park and inaugurating Ambedkar Bhavan on Sunday, he said that the risk fund of pourakarmikas has been hiked to ₹2,000. The government decided to regularise the services of pourakarmikas as per recommendation of the committee formed to study it, he said, adding that the welfare of the Dalits and oppressed classes has been the government's motto. Ministers Govind Karjol and Kota Srinivas Poojary were present during the event.

EXPRESS READ

Roadside stalls threat to health, safety: Hoteliers

The Bruhat Bengaluru Hotel Association (BBHA) has written to the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), asking them to regulating roadside food stalls and eateries, which BBHA claim are posing a threat to public health and safety. They suggested that the roadside food stalls are shut and the stall owners be given alternative jobs. The association highlighted that mosquitoes, cockroaches, rats, and bugs hover over the snacks being sold on the roadside with garbage kept next to the stall. The food stalls often operate in unsanitary conditions, and the water used to wash dishes are also dirty, the association said. With gas cylinders and carts encroaching the roads, it hinders pedestrian movement, and the cylinder might lead to an untoward incident as no safety regulations are followed, they said, adding that many stalls neither have licences nor do they follow Food Safety and Standards Authority of India regulations.

Teachers' test sees 92 per cent turnout

The Karnataka Teacher Eligibility Test (KARTET), which was held on Sunday, saw a 92 per cent turnout. The test was held across Karnataka, with 3.3 lakh of the total 3.6 lakh candidates taking the test. The test was held in 35 districts with the highest turnout rate of 92.5 per cent in Gadag for paper-1 and 95.4 per cent in Haveri for paper-2.

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

07th November : Today's key Saturnine alignment is very cautious, encouraging people who are shy, reserved and reluctant to reveal their feelings. On the other hand, exhibitionists and people who love showing off may find that discreet but sometimes insurmountable obstacles are placed in their path.

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
Over the course of the week you will move from a position which is somewhat confused towards one which is thoroughly practical and down-to-earth. You'll also become less wildly emotional by the day - and more gently romantic. Today's developments may therefore have strangely unexpected results.

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
This is your week. By this I mean that enterprises and projects set in train three, or even six months ago, should soon come to fruition, much to your satisfaction. Keep all your options open until the last moment. And remember that whatever you're planning now could bear fruit this time next year.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
It's difficult to describe your exact situation at the moment but there could be something vaguely farcical about certain developments. Do maintain your sense of humour: you have two choices - to laugh or to cry. But, then, perhaps you'll laugh so hard that you cry!

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
The Moon is profoundly helpful, so positive lunar alignments should lift your spirits, making you content to be an emotional and sensitive creature. The most harmonious aspects encourage your poetic, persuasive frame of mind, which is wonderful for those of you with proposals to promote.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
You may as well face the fact that intense planetary patterns are obliging you to cope with intimate and personal matters. The fact that there is little room for compromise is complicated by the sheer number of options. You just have too many choices!

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
The themes for the week are travel and communication. If there are places to visit, friends to contact, interviews to attend and meetings to arrange, you're on to a winner. Treat partners with great sympathy today, for even if they behave badly it's because they're under extra stress.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
Sometimes the old sayings are the truest and, as the song says, it's money that makes the world go round. It does seem that you have a great deal to learn from current financial developments, but you have to wait a week or so before you can be sure that you're in for a healthy profit.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
You are happily telling people anything they want to hear - and why not? It is a change for you to turn your sharp tongue and ready wit towards cheering partners up instead of needling them with your legendary sense of humour. A loved one who feels hurt needs your healing hands.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
Why are you so misunderstood? This is one of your perennial questions. The real problem seems to be a failure of communication, that you don't actually explain yourself properly. It may also be that something personal has not gone according to plan.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
Happily, the Sun is forming a set of very fortuitous relationships, so that even when sudden change takes place, you'll make the most of it. Something you half-expected but never really believed would happen, is now about to take place. It's certainly a strange time!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
The ambitious Aquarian is an awesome sight at the moment. Woe betide anyone who stands in your way as you lay your plans for world conquest! Many people are on your side but do watch your back. The last thing you want to do now is forget those essential details!

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
If we look at all the planets that are cajoling and encouraging you, then we find a remarkably complicated picture. This indicates that there are no circumstances you can't cope with, just as long as you take your time and bring in friends who have been here before - and know what they're talking about.

Solutions to Saturday's puzzle

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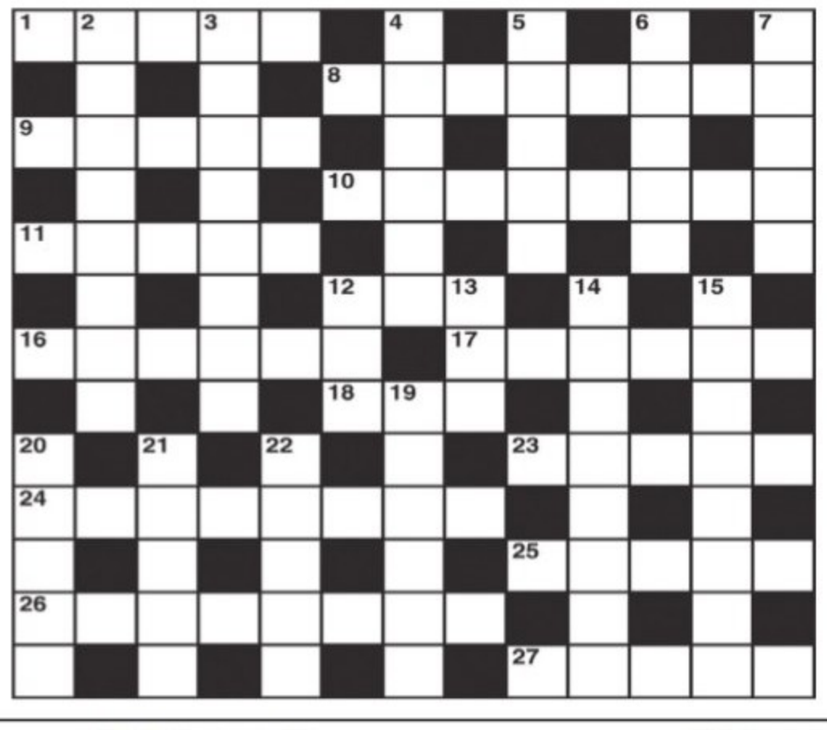

CROSS WORD

ACROSS
1 Worn by a sailor in a blow? (5)
8 Might be the alcohol content (8)
9 Newsmen in force (5)
10 Value a quiet compliment (8)
11 A custom among unscrupulous agents (5)
12 Fool found climbing a tree? (3)
16 About eleven come round in a state (6)
17 He upsets the warden (6)
18 Big fight (3)
23 Vet initially took fever to be unidentified (5)
24 Words in action? (8)
25 A quaintly pleasing French accent (5)
26 The principle of no credit (8)
27 Confidence in a team (5)

DOWN
2 Stayed in custody (8)
3 I get new gains in marks (8)
4 More work repairing high-class patio (6)
5 The kind that turns green (5)
6 An increase not for the first time (5)
7 As many as there can be (5)
12 Spread seed for an animal (3)
13 Knock up a short paragraph (3)
14 Overtures returned with interest? (8)
15 Paid back though completely in the red (8)
19 Bill has a little money in a manner of speaking (6)
20 Works to make dough, say, to satisfy these? (5)
21 A charming woman but a bad speller (5)
22 Transfer between banks (5)

SATURDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Calculated, 6 Plug, 10 Tunic, 11 Adaptable, 12 After all, 13 Again, 15 Sackbut, 17 Trevino, 19 Rashers, 21 Resides, 22 Overt, 24 Acquaint, 27 Stevedore, 28 Lasso, 29 Yeti, 30 Skateboard.

Down: 1 Cato, 2 Long faces, 3 Uncle, 4 Adamant, 5 Epaulet, 7 Libra, 8 Greenhouse, 9 Steamers, 14 Usuriously, 16 Breathed, 18 Indonesia, 20 Sea-cook, 21 Request, 23 Event, 25 Ad-lib, 26 Ford.

JUMBLE

UNSCRAMBLE THESE JUMBLES, ONE LETTER TO EACH SQUARE, TO FORM FOUR ORDINARY WORDS.

BY DAVID L. HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

SIPOE

SOLSF

MRYIGL

GUIAAN

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

Saturday's Jumbles: YUCKY DIMLY UPROAR CANOLA
Answer: The kids put on a stage performance on the lawn after being told to — PLAY IN THE YARD

Sleuths of the Anti-Narcotics Wing of the CCB raided three hookah bars for operating beyond the permissible time limit, and booked cases against the owners and staff. Kashish Cafe in Jeevan Bima Nagar police station limits, Burnout Cafe in Commercial Street station limits and The Emirates Sheesha Hotel and Restaurant in Madiwala station limits were raided, following a tip-off

More enrolment in govt schools, but teachers few: Report

Shows admissions in government schools rose by 4L, to reach 54.45L

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

ENROLMENTS in government schools across the state have gone up, shows the Unified District Information System for Education (UDISE+) report which was released by the Ministry of Education.

There are a total of 76,450 schools in the state, of which 49,679 are government schools, 7,110 government aided, and 19,650 private unaided recognised. In Karnataka, total enrolment across schools was 1.20 crore, up from last year's figure of 1.18 crore. Of these, government school enrollment increased from 50.31 lakhs to 54.45 lakh, with over four lakh new enrolments. Meanwhile, enrolment in private unaided recognised schools dropped from last year by almost two lakhs, from 53.17 lakh to 51.53 lakh.

But, for government schools, other figures offset the joy from enrollment statistics. Compared to the 2020-21 UDISE+ report, the number of teachers have dropped in government schools from 2.08 lakhs to 1.99 lakh, and the situation is same for government aided schools, where the numbers have slid from 45,573 to 42,772.

This has resulted in an increase in the Pupil Teacher Ratio (PTR). At present, there are around 23 pupils against a teacher at the primary level compared to 21 last year.

Probe contract labour hires in Seeds Corporation, CAG told

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
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THE Karnataka High Court directed the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) to conduct an inquiry on how contract labourers are being hired by the Karnataka State Seeds Corporation Limited (KSSCL), a state government undertaking under the Agriculture Department.

Justice Suraj Govindaraj passed the order for the inquiry by the CAG within 12 months to know whether engaging contract labourers is a genuine transaction or a veiled methodology adopted by KSSCL and whether such a methodology goes against the principles of the welfare state as enshrined in the Preamble.

No procedure followed: HC

The court also confirmed an order of the Labour Court, which directed KSSCL to pay Rs 5 lakh compensation to the petitioner, C Sujatha, a resident of Meenakshi Nagar in the city.

"The hire-and-fire policy, which has been resorted to by KSSCL without following any procedure does not bode well for the Corporation which is an instrumentality of the State," the court observed.

The court said that it is rather shocking that from 2007 to 2015 when Sujatha was engaged as a Data Entry Operator (DEO) with KSSCL, she was on-boarded to different contractors. Sujatha, who was removed by KSSCL seven years ago as DEO, recently joined KEONICS, a service provider, which deputed her to e-Governance Department in March 2022.

Sujatha was appointed as DEO by KSSCL in January 2007 with a consolidated salary of Rs 5,000 per month. After having worked for some time, she was deputed to the Agriculture Department in MS Building. She submitted an appeal to the principal secretary to regularise her services as done in the case of one of her juniors.

Though she was permitted to leave the office at 5.30 pm on June 26, 2015, she was removed from the service, saying she was not available when called for, during the legislative session.

EXPRESS READ

Pregnant woman ends life, hubby held

BENGALURU: A 19-year-old woman, who was three months pregnant, ended her life by hanging at her house in Madanayakanahalli on Sunday, allegedly after facing repeated harassment from her husband. The deceased, Soundarya, a resident of Shivanapura, was married to Santhosh, an employee at a private company. She used to work in a garment factory in Peenya. The police said her in-laws found her body and alerted the police. She left a suicide note, stating that she was three months pregnant and Santhosh used to often assault her over trivial issues. Unable to bear his torture, she took her life. Santhosh was arrested.

DIVINE LIGHT

Thousands of devotees participate in the Lakshadeepotsava chariot festival at the Sri Krishna Temple in Udupi on Sunday | KPN

WOMAN ARRESTED FOR ASSAULTING, LOOTING MAN

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

SUDDAGUNTE Palya police arrested a 23-year-old woman for trapping a man and taking away his money, car and other valuables.

The arrested, Priya alias Aliya, a resident of Taverekere, works in a garment factory. She and four others had assaulted Pradeep (name changed), the owner of a milk booth, before extorting money, a car and other valuables from him.

Police said that Pradeep (name changed) from Hosur, had received a phone call from an unknown number, which had led to their friendship. A week ago, she had invited Pradeep to her house, and told him she was alone and that her parents were away on a long trip. Pradeep believed Priya and came to meet her. Four of her friends locked him in and forced him to undress. They video-recorded the scene before thrashing him, then snatched his gold chain, cash and car. They demanded Rs 60,000 to return his car.

Pradeep managed to escape and approached SG Palya police. Based on evidence, Priya was detained. During interrogation, she confessed that she was earlier involved in similar crimes and had extorted other businessmen too. She revealed the names of other accused, and efforts are on to nab them, a police officer said.

It may be recalled that Kamakshipalya police on Saturday arrested a gang of 10, including two women, for their involvement in a similar racket. The gang had taken Rs 2 lakh from an employee of the High Court, after video recording a private scene and also thrashed him.

Belagavi youth, who sliced off his leg, dies

ENS @ Belagavi

A 24-year-old youth, who was rushed to the district hospital after he himself sliced off his one leg, at Navalgatti in Bailhongal taluk, died while undergoing treatment in Belagavi on Saturday.

The deceased has been identified as Raju Fakirappa Yarguddi. It may be recalled here that Yarguddi was suffering from severe pain in one of his legs for a long time due to a disease. He was undergoing medical treatment, but did not get any relief. Finally on November 3, when he was alone at home, he sliced off the affected leg with the help of a sickle, as he thought that it would provide him permanent relief.

As soon as Yarguddi sliced off his leg, he screamed, which alerted the people around, who ran inside the house. They rushed him to hospital along with the severed leg. He breathed his last on Saturday.

IN THE COURT OF PRINCIPAL SENIOR CIVIL JUDGE BENGALURU RURAL
G & WC. No. 58 / 2022
BETWEEN : 1. Mr. Vineet Shashikant Chaoji, S/o. Shashikant .V Chaoji, Aged about 45 years,
2. Master Aarav Chaoji, S/o Vineet Chaoji, Aged about 11 years,
3. Kumari Aditi Chaoji, D/o Vineet Chaoji, Aged about 07 years. **(Minors 2 & 3 above named are Rep. by their natural Guardian-Father)**
All the above named 1 to 3 are Residing at P-61 Golden Enclave, Old Airport Road, Vimanapura, Bengaluru - 560017. ...PETITIONERS
AND : NIL ...RESPONDENT
PUBLIC NOTICE
Whereas, the Petitioners above named have filed a petition under Section 8 (2) of the Hindu Minority and Guardianship Act, 1956 for grant of Permission to sell the Schedule Property in favor of third parties to protect and safeguard the interest of Kumari Aditi Chaoji and Master Aarav Chaoji. The Schedule Property mentioned below is standing in the name of Petitioners.
Interested parties are hereby directed to appear in this Court in person as by pleader duly instructed on the **09.11.2022 at 11:00 am** to show cause against the Petitioners, failing which the case will be heard and determined ex-parte.
SCHEDULE PROPERTY
ALL THAT Residential Apartment bearing No. B-3503 in Ground Floor, of Block-35 in Sector 5, B-Beech of 'BRIGADE MEADOWS' presently bearing e-Khata No. 150200300100321430 and measuring 789 Sq.ft. of built up area and 161 Sq.ft. of proportionate Share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, lifts staircase and other areas of common use and totally measuring 950 Sq.Ft. of super built up area approximately with right to use one covered parking space in stilt level situated at property bearing Sy.Nos. 114 (P), 120 & 121/3, Kaggalipura Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore, and the apartment is bounded by :
East : Open Space at Block-35, Type 'B-Beech' at Sector 5 of 'BRIGADE MEADOWS', **West :** Open Space at Block-35, Type 'B-Beech' at Sector 5 of 'BRIGADE MEADOWS', **North :** Apartment No. B-3504, Ground Floor of Block-35, Type 'B-Beech at Sector - 5 of 'BRIGADE MEADOWS', **South :** Open Space at Block-35, Type 'B-Beech' at Sector 5 of 'BRIGADE MEADOWS',
Dated : 17.10.2022
By Order of the Court, Chief Ministerial Officer, Senior Civil Judge's Court, Bengaluru Rural Dist., Bengaluru
Address of the Advocate for Petitioner :
HARI OM LEGAL
No.319/3, 5th Floor, 80 Feet Road,
Opp. Indoor Stadium, Koramangala 8th Block,
Bengaluru - 560 095.
Ph : 8904876840 / 9611413707
Email : info@hariomlegal.in

IN THE COURT OF THE XXXV ADDL CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE AT BANGALORE CCH: 36
P & SC No. 715/2022
Between: Mr. Karthikeyan, Aged 37 years, S/o Late Mr.Srinivasan, R/o, Flat No.306, SV Lake View Apartment, No.2 37/4 Somasundarapalya, HSR Layout II Sector, Bangalore – 560102 Petitioner
And:
Nil: Respondent
PUBLIC NOTICE
Whereas the above named has made petition to this court under Section 372 of Indian Succession Act, 1925 for the grant of Succession Certificate in favour of the Petitioner, in respect of schedule mentioned below. The below mentioned schedule has held jointly by the Petitioner and Late Ms. Sivapriya S, wife of the Petitioner herein who expired on 29.03.2022.
Interested parties are hereby called to appear in this court in person or by pleader duly instructed on **18.11.2022** at 11 am to show cause against the petitioners failing which the petition will be disposed as ex-parte
SCHEDULE PROPERTY
All that piece and parcel situated in Haralukunte, BegurHobli, Bengaluru. Flat bearing No. 306 in the third floor, measuring about 1240 Sq.ft. super built up area, containing Two bedroom, together with RCC roofing, vitrified flooring together with one covered car parking space, including proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, staircase, etc., in the multi-storeyed residential building complex as "SV LAKEVIEW" situated in Haralukunte, BegurHobli, Bengaluru.
Given under my hand & seal of the court, this day of 03rd Nov 2022
By Order of the Court, Asst. Registrar, City Civil Court, Bangalore
Address for Service

PUBLIC NOTICE
This is to inform the general public that our client intends to purchase more fully set out in the schedule given below and herein referred to as the "Scheduled Property" from its owner Smt. Rukmini Reddy, W/o of Late G. Ramanand Reddy, No. 49, 15th Cross, Wilson Garden, Bengaluru Urban District, Bengaluru-560 030. Any Person/s whomsoever having any right, title, interest or claim in the Schedule Property or part thereof, in any manner objecting to such sale in favour of our client should write to the undersign within 07 days of issuance of this public notice with all documentary proofs on which they are claiming their rights with regard to this Schedule Property. If no claim or Objections are received within the stipulated time, it shall be deemed that the Schedule Property is free from all acts of encumbrance or claims whatsoever of any nature and our client shall proceed to complete the sale transaction.
SCHEDULE PROPERTY
ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL of the Residential Vacant site bearing No. 65 (Old Khatha No. 65 & 66, Old No. 330/2), (Property No. 74/1), (PID No. 72-19-65) situated at Krishna Reddy Layout, Domlur, Bengaluru, bearing Khatha No. DA/W-112/KTR/48-22-23, measuring East-West: 50 Feet and North-South: 60 Feet, in all measuring 3,000 sq. ft. and bounded on
East by : Shri Munishami Reddy's Property; **West by :** Shri Ashok Kumar's Property bearing No. 52; **North by :** Shri Dasaratha Reddy's Property; and **South by :** 30 Feet Road.
PRABHU N. SAVANUR, Advocate
HARI OM LEGAL
No. 319/3, 5th Floor, 80 Feet Road,
20th C Main Road, Koramangala 8th Block,
Bengaluru - 560 095
E-Mail ID: prabhu@hariomlegal.in
Mob: 8904876840
Place: Bengaluru Date: 05/11/2022

PUBLIC NOTICE
General public may note that, my Client **Sri. Vinod Kumar Dengla** S/o. Ramakant Dengla, Aged about 46 years, R/at. No.918, SRI KUNJ, 9th Cross, 24th Main, J.P. Nagar 2nd Phase, Bangalore-560078.
Sri.Varadaraju G.V S/o. Varadegowda.G.B, Aged about 45 years, R/at. Ganagalahna Doddi, Kanakapura Town, Kanakapura.
Sri. Sathisha K.V S/o. K.V. Venkataramanaswamy, Aged about 49 years, R/at. Serugara Beedi, Kote Kanakapura, Kanakapura Town, Kanakapura.
Smt. Hemavathi.V W/o. Mallesh .V, Aged about 44 years, R/at. Punarvasu Nilaya, 1st Beedi, Behind KSRTC Quarters, Kanakapura Town, Kanakapua all the 4 persons are jointly intended to purchase the schedule property from its owner **Sri. C. Nagaraju S/o. Late. Chikkaveeregowda @ Chikkeregowda,** about 73 years, R/at. Veerabhadraswamy Nilaya, Puttadasu Beedi, J.C. Extension, Kanakapura Town, Kanakapura and his family members. The said owner **Sri. C. Nagaraju** had purchased the schedule property from its previous owner **Sri. Chikkalingaiah S/o. Shambaiah** through the sale deed vide document No.235/1991-92, volume No.2612, pages No.174-178, dt:01-04-1991 registered in the office of Sub Registrar at Kanakapura.
If any person/s have any claim over the schedule property the same may be intimated in writing along with documents to the undersigned within 15 days from the date of this publication, in the absence of any objection within the above said period, it shall be deemed that, there is no objection and the sale deed will be executed in my clients favour without any further reference in this regard.
SCHEDULE
All the piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing Survey No.44/4 measuring 0-37 guntas, situated at Shivanahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Kanakapura Taluk and bounded on:-
East by : Property belongs to Gujjaiah, West by : BWSSB Road, North by : Property belongs to Mariveeraiah S/o. Gujjaiah, South by : Property belongs to Shambulingaiah Sy.No.44/2 measuring 1-26 acre/guntas.
NAGARAJU .K, Advocate
Office : # 1/2, 1st Floor, 4th Cross, Amruth Nagar Main Road, Opp. Bank of Baroda, New Bank Colony, Konanakunte, Bengaluru - 560 062. Mobile: 9740853223
Date: 06-11-2022

CITY UNION BANK LIMITED
Credit Recovery and Management Department
Administrative Office: No.24-B, Gandhi Nagar, Kumbakonam - 612001. **E-Mail id:** crmd@cityunionbank.in, **Phone:** 0435-2432322, **Fax:** 0435-2431746
RE-TENDER-CUM-AUCTION SALE NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT 2002
The following property/ies mortgaged to **City Union Bank Limited** will be sold in Re-Tender-cum-Public Auction by the Authorised Officer of the Bank, under Rule 8 (6) & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, under the SARFAESI Act 2002, for recovery of a sum of **Rs.14,28,851/- (Rupees Fourteen Lakh Twenty Eight Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty One Only)** as on **03-11-2022** together with further interest to be charged from **04-11-2022** onwards and other expenses, any other dues to the Bank by the borrowers / guarantors **No.1) M/s. ALT Traders, C-2, Basement Floor, No.43/L, Lorry Godown, 3rd Cross, RMC Yard, Yeshwanthpur, Bangalore - 560022. No.2) Mr. A. Latheef, S/o. Abdul Razaa, at No.51, 4th Cross, Near Sagan Nursing Home, Gangondanahalli, Bangalore - 560039. No.3) Mrs. Afroz Banu, W/o. A. Latheef, at No.51, 4th Cross, Near Sagan Nursing Home, Gangondanahalli, Bangalore - 560039. No.4) Mr. Yahya Akhan Lodha, S/o. Akbar Lodha, at No.263, 5th Cross, Thippu Sulthan Sangharsha Samithi, Gangondanahalli, Bangalore - 560039.**
Immovable Property Mortgaged to our Bank
Schedule - A: (Property Owned by Mr. Yahya Akhan Lodha, S/o. Akbar Lodha)
Property - 1:- All that piece and parcel of Eastern Half Portion of the Property previously bearing Khaneshumari No.C.42, Now Property No.17/A, situated at Gangaondanahalli Village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Previously Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Ward No.40, presently within the limit of BBMP Ward No.132. Measuring:- East to West to 15 Feet and North to South : 32 Feet altogether 480 Sq.Ft. along with one square A.C. Sheet House with Cement Flooring, Cement and Bricks used for Construction of Wall, Jungle Wood used for Doors and Windows with all Civic Amenities and bounded on:- East by - Property belonging to Mehaboob Pasha, West by - Western Half Portion of the same Property measuring 15 Feet x 32 Feet this day sold to Mohammed Yasin Bohra and then Property No.17, North by - Private Property, South by - 2nd Cross.
Reserve Price: Rs.34,00,000/-
(Rupees Thirty Four Lakh Only)
RE-AUCTION DETAILS

Date of Re-Tender-cum-Auction Sale	Venue
28-11-2022	City Union Bank Limited, Bangalore-Rajaji Nagar Branch, 1002/55, Krk Chambers, Ist Main, 4th Block, 80 Ft. Dr. Rajkumar Road, Bengaluru Urban - 560010. Telephone No.080-23155151, Cell No.9379757170.

Terms and Conditions of Re-Tender-cum-Auction Sale :
(1) The intending bidders should be present in person for the auction and participate personally and give a declaration in writing to the effect that he/she is bidding for himself / herself. **(2)** The intending bidders may obtain the Tender Forms from **The Manager, City Union Bank Limited, Bangalore-Rajaji Nagar Branch, 1002/55, Krk Chambers, Ist Main, 4th Block, 80 Ft. Dr. Rajkumar Road, Bengaluru, Bengaluru Urban - 560010.(3)** The intending bidders should submit their bids only in the Tender Form prescribed in sealed envelopes addressed to **The Authorised Officer, City Union Bank Ltd.,** together with a Pay Order / Demand Draft for an EMD of **10%** of the Reserve Price, drawn in favour of **"City Union Bank Ltd.", on or before 12.00 Noon** on the date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale hereby notified. **(4)** For inspection of the property and other particulars, the intending purchaser may contact **Telephone No.080-23155151, Cell No.9379757170. (5)** The property/ies are sold on "As-is-where-is", "As-is-what-is" and "whatever-there is" basis. **(6)** The sealed tenders will be opened in the presence of the intending bidders at **01.00 p.m.** on the date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale hereby notified. Though in general the sale will be by way of closed tenders, the Authorised Officer may, at his sole discretion, conduct an Open Auction among the interested bidders who desire to quote a bid higher than the one received in the closed tender process, and in such an event, the sale shall be conferred on the person making highest bid. The sale, however, is subject to confirmation of City Union Bank Limited. **(7)** The successful bidder shall have to pay **25% (inclusive of EMD paid)** of the sale amount **immediately** on completion of sale and the balance amount of **75%** within **15 days** from the date of confirmation of sale, failing which the initial deposit of **25%** shall be forfeited. **(8)** The Sale Certificate will be issued by the Authorised Officer in favour of the successful purchaser only after receipt of the entire sale consideration within the time limit stipulated herein. **(9)** The successful purchaser shall bear the charges/fees payable for conveyance, such as stamp duty, registration fee etc., as applicable under law. **(10)** The successful bidder should pay the statutory dues (lawful house tax, electricity charges and other dues), TDS, GST if any, due to Government, Government Undertaking and local bodies. **(11)** The Authorised Officer shall have all the powers to Accept or reject the bids or postpone or cancel the sale without assigning any reason whatsoever.
Place: Kumbakonam, Date: 05-11-2022 **Authorised Officer**
Regd. Office: 149, T.S.R. (Big) Street, Kumbakonam, Thanjavur District, Tamil Nadu - 612001, **CIN -** L65110TN1904PLC001287, **Telephone No.**0435-2402322, **Fax:** 0435-2431746, **Website:** www.cityunionbank.com

STATE BANK OF INDIA
K.R. Road, Hoskote Branch [Code No. 40033],
No. 4115-4116, Sri Sannidi, Near J. C. Circle, Hoskote - 562 114, Bangalore Rural District, Karnataka, Tel : 080-27931272/27934682, Email ID:sbi.40033@sbi.co.in
POSSESSION NOTICE
Under Rule - 8 (1) (For immovable property)
A/c. No. HL 37196276710
WHEREAS, The Authorised Officer of the State Bank of India, under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(2) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice dated **29.08.2022** calling upon the borrowers: **Mr. Manepudi Subba Rao,** S/o. Mr. M. Purushotham, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.33,49,794/-** (Rupees Thirty three lakhs forty nine thousand seven hundred ninety four only) within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.
The borrower having failed to repay the amount as mentioned in the Demand Notice, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property of the described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on this **02nd November of the Year 2022.**
The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the State Bank of India for an amount of **Rs.33,97,550/-** (Rupees Thirty Three Lakhs Ninety Seven Thousand Five Hundred and Fifty only) as on 01.11.2022 and interest threon. The borrowers' attention is invited to provision of Sub-section(8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.
DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVBLE PROPERTY
All the part and parcel of the Flat No. 304, SBB Royal, bearing Site No. 69 & 70, BBMP Khata No. 308/260/21/69, Sy. No. 69, Hoodi Village, K. R. Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, measuring 1375 square feet SBA and 288 sqft in UDS and bounded on the East by : 30 feet Road, West by : Site No. 63 & 64, North by : Site No. 71 and South by : Site No. 68.
Place: Bengaluru
Date: 02.11.2022
Sd/-
Authorised Officer & Chief Manager
STATE BANK OF INDIA

M/s. Bangalore Custom House Agents Association Ltd.
Having its Office at No. 71, B Block, Cargo Village, Bangalore International Airport, Devanahalli, Bangalore-560 300.
E-mail: admin@bchaal.com, Phone No.: 080-42033036 / 42000703.
Ref.No.BCHAP Ltd./01/2022. Date: 07/11/2022
Invitation For Tender
The Honorary President of **M/s. Bangalore Custom House Agents Association Ltd., Bengaluru** invites for Sealed Tenders for putting up of construction of RCC roofed building with all specifications on the Site No. 14, a layout formed by the Ministry of Communications Employee's Co-operative Housing Society Ltd., under BBMP Khatha No. 2638/14, Situated at Sahakaranagara G Block, Bangalore – 560 092, measuring East to West 41+45/2 Ft., North to South 30+46/2 Ft., in all measuring 1,634 Sq. Ft., consisting of Stilt + Ground Floor + First Floor + Second Floor + Third Floor as per the Sanctioned Plan to be obtained from Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike through Bidder's Architect, with appropriate parking, lift and all other amenities. Specification of the materials as per the standards. The work shall be completed and hand over the building on or before 18 months. An EMD of 10% on the total cost of the Tender shall be deposited by the Bidders. The successful bidder shall not be liable for refund of EMD amount till the completion of the project.
Calendar of Events:
1. The last day, date and time for Tender queries and for specification details is **19/11/2022 at 5.00 pm.** Office of the **M/s. Bangalore Custom House Agents Association Ltd.**
2. The last day, date and time for receiving the sealed Tenders with all specifications is **28/11/2022 at 5.00 pm.** Office of the **M/s. Bangalore Custom House Agents Association Ltd.**
3. The Participants shall provide all the projects details executed with complete address of the project.
4. The Participants shall not be black listed in any manner.
5. The Participants shall execute Indemnity Bond / Affidavit for not being black listed in any manner.
6. The building plan / construction plan shall be approved by the **M/s. Bangalore Custom House Agents Association Ltd.** before obtaining the sanctioned plan from BBMP, Bangalore.
7. The successful Bidder shall execute an Agreement with **M/s. Bangalore Custom House Agents Association Ltd.**
8. **M/s. Bangalore Custom House Agents Association Ltd.** shall have right and liberty to modify or alter any of the conditions.
Sd/-
President
Bangalore Custom House Agents Association Ltd.

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RE-TENDER-CUM-AUCTION SALE NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT 2002
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Note:- That our **237- Bengaluru Yelahanka Branch** has also extended Financial Assistance (CUB OSL SPECIAL-BR:501812080059395) dated **30-12-2019** requested by No.1 of you represented by No.2 of you as Proprietor for which No.3 of you stood as Co-obligant and No.3 of you stood as Guarantor for the facility for a total amount of **Rs. 11,50,000/-** at a ROI of **15.75%.** The same has been also classified as **NPA** on **04-05-2020** and the outstanding balance as on **12-06-2022** is **Rs.17,20,592/- (Rupees Seventeen Lakh Twenty Thousand Five Hundred and Ninety Two only)** plus further interest and penal interest of **2.00%** with monthly rests to be charged from **13-06-2022** till the date of realization.
Immovable Properties Mortgaged to our Bank
Schedule - A: (Properties Owned by Mrs. G. Sindhu, W/o. Mr. G. Muniraju)
Item No.1 : All that piece and parcel of the converted land property bearing Sy.No.3/1B, measuring 0-14 Guntas situated at Pantharapalya Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, East by : Private Property, West by : Sy.No.2/1 of H. Ramaiah, North by : Mysore Road, South by : Sy.No.3/1A.
Item No.2 : All that piece and parcel of the converted land property bearing Sy.No.3/1C, measuring 1 Acre 13 Guntas situated at Pantharapalya Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, East by : Sy. No.4/1, West by : Property of Chikkahanumaiah and Muddappa, North by : Sy. No.3/1A, South by : Sy. No.6 of Chikkavenkatappa.
Item No.3 : All that piece and parcel of the converted land property bearing Sy.No.5, measuring 0-16.85 Guntas situated at Pantharapalya Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, East by : Rajakaluve / Nala, West by : Sy. No.3/1C, North by : Sy. No.4, South by : Sy. No.6 of Chikkavenkatappa.
Item No.4 : All that piece and parcel of the converted land property bearing Sy. No.2/1, measuring 0-3½ Guntas situated at Pantharapalya Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, East by Sy. No.3/1B, West by : Remaining property in Sy. No.2/1 belonging to Bettegowda, North by : Mysore Road, South by : Sy. No.3/1C.
Schedule - B
All that piece and parcel of 567 sq. feet undivided right title and interest in the Schedule "A" property.
Schedule-C
Apartment No.202, on First Floor measuring super built-up area of 1,350 Sq. ft. in the building called "RADIANT KAREL" being constructed on the Schedule A property with the Floors, Ceiling and Walls between units jointly belonging to such Apartment owners equally along with Common rights in respect of Common areas and Amenities with one covered Car Parking Area.
Reserve Price: Rs.45,00,000/-
(Rupees Forty Five Lakh only) (For Schedule - A, B & C)
RE-AUCTION DETAILS

Date of Re-Tender-cum-Auction Sale	Venue
29-11-2022	City Union Bank Limited, Bengaluru - Yelahanka Branch, 324, 3rd A Cross, First Phase, Yelahanka New Town, Bengaluru - 560106. Telephone No.080-28463272, Cell No.9341005406.

Terms and Conditions of Re-Tender-cum-Auction Sale:
(1) The intending bidders should be present in person for the auction and participate personally and give a declaration in writing to the effect that he/she is bidding for himself / herself. **(2)** The intending bidders may obtain the Tender Forms from **The Manager, City Union Bank Limited, Bengaluru - Yelahanka Branch, 324, 3rd A Cross, First Phase, Yelahanka New Town, Bengaluru - 560106. (3)** The intending bidders should submit their bids only in the Tender Form prescribed in sealed envelopes addressed to **The Authorised Officer, City Union Bank Ltd.,** together with a Pay Order / Demand Draft for an EMD of **10%** of the Reserve Price, drawn in favour of **"City Union Bank Ltd.", on or before 12.00 Noon** on the date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale hereby notified. **(4)** For inspection of the property and other particulars, the intending purchaser may contact **Telephone No.080-28463272, Cell No.9341005406. (5)** The property/ies are sold on "As-is-where-is", "As-is-what-is" and "whatever- there is" basis. **(6)** The sealed tenders will be opened in the presence of the intending bidders at **01.00 p.m.** on the date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale hereby notified. Though in general the sale will be by way of closed tenders, the Authorised Officer may, at his sole discretion, conduct an Open Auction among the interested bidders who desire to quote a bid higher than the one received in the closed tender process, and in such an event, the sale shall be conferred on the person making highest bid. The sale, however, is subject to confirmation of City Union Bank Limited. **(7)** The successful bidder shall have to pay **25% (inclusive of EMD paid)** of the sale amount **immediately** on completion of sale and the balance amount of **75%** within **15 days** from the date of confirmation of sale, failing which the initial deposit of **25%** shall be forfeited. **(8)** The Sale Certificate will be issued by the Authorised Officer in favour of the successful purchaser only after receipt of the entire sale consideration within the time limit stipulated herein. **(9)** The successful purchaser shall bear the charges/fees payable for conveyance, such as stamp duty, registration fee etc., as applicable under law. **(10)** The successful bidder should pay the statutory dues (lawful house tax, electricity charges and other dues), TDS, GST if any, due to Government, Government Undertaking and local bodies. **(11)** The Authorised Officer shall have all the powers to accept or reject the bids or postpone or cancel the sale without assigning any reason whatsoever.
Place : Kumbakonam, Date : 05-11-2022 **Authorised Officer**
Regd. Office: 149, T.S.R. (Big) Street, Kumbakonam, Thanjavur District, Tamil Nadu - 612 001, **CIN -** L65110TN1904PLC001287, **Telephone No.**0435-2402322, **Fax:** 0435-2431746, **Website:** www.cityunionbank.com

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The National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) has announced India Rankings 2023, the eighth edition of the annual exercise.
Registration window was opened on 17th October 2022. Last date for registration has been extended till 18th November 2022.
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Member Secretary
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The Janata Dal (Secular) will start an awareness programme on its 'Panchadhara Yojane' for the people of the state from next week, said president of the state unit of JDS, C M Ibrahim

(Left) A shower of flowers and garlands welcome AICC chief Mallikarjun Kharge in Bengaluru on Sunday; (Above) Congress workers at the 'Sarvodaya Samavesha'; (Bottom) The mega event caused traffic snarls around the Palace Grounds area | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

KHARGE ASKS CONG LEADERS TO UNITE, WIN KARNATAKA IN 2023

Underscores 'small differences' within party during first visit to home state as AICC chief

DEVARAJ B HIREHALLI @ Bengaluru

NEWLY-elected AICC president Mallikarjun M Kharge on Sunday gave a clarion call to the party's rank and file, especially its senior leaders, to keep aside their differences and bring the Congress back to power in Karnataka in the 2023 Assembly polls.

"They (BJP) too lack unity among themselves," he claimed, while indirectly admitting to the differences within the Congress as well.

The 80-year-old Dalit strongman, who is the first president of the AICC to emerge from outside the Gandhi family after 24 years, attended the 'Sarvodaya Samavesha' here at Palace Grounds to mark his debut visit to Karnataka after being elected as the Congress' national president.

"AICC general secretary Randeep Singh Surjewala has been filling up the small holes, as even the sulking leaders should be taken into confidence," he suggested.

Former union minister K H Muniyappa, while raising the issue of 'factionalism' within the party, asked all leaders to prove the media wrong by putting up a united front. "The polls are in the next six months. We should seek Kharge's guidance by protecting the rights of the Dalits, farmers and the poor. All must unite, even as only one can become the chief minister," he advised.

CLP leader Siddaramaiah too admitted that there might be small differences between leaders within the party, but everyone should take it as a challenge to oust the BJP government in the state. "The challenge before us is to remove the communal, anti-poor, anti-farmer and anti-minority dispensation in power. The people of the state have already determined to do so in this regard," he observed. Visibly humbled by the rousing welcome he was accorded by the party leaders, from the airport up to the event, Kharge said winning the 2023 polls is all the more significant to him. Meanwhile, he sent out a clear message that no one can vie for party posts without working hard, with a clarity of ideology. He stressed on the importance of organising the party, especially the students' wing -- NSUI.

Surjewala said that the BJP just cannot elect its own president the way the Congress did under Sonia Gandhi's leadership and hoped that Kharge would ensure that the party forms the government in Karnataka, by raising the issues of '40 per cent commission' in contracts and communal problems in the state.

Meanwhile, Kharge attacked Prime Minister Narendra Modi, claiming that the latter was in the habit of taking credit for even the smallest of the works. "The bridge in Morbi, Gujarat, that collapsed was inaugurated by him only a few days earlier," he said.

He also claimed that the Union Government has promised to fill up 1.35 lakh vacancies in the Railways, keeping an eye on the 2024 Lok Sabha polls, along with the Assembly polls in Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, and in Karnataka.

EVEN CHIEF MINISTER NOT SPARED TRAFFIC WOES

With the Congress' 'Sarvodaya Samavesha' being attended by thousands of leaders and members, traffic was thrown our of gear over a considerable radius around its venue Palace Grounds, so much so that even Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai's cavalcade had to wait a while. Bommai was on his way to Byatarayanapura to take part in a public function, when his convoy got stuck in traffic at Palace Guttahalli for some time. After receiving Kharge at Kempegowda International Airport at around 11.30 am, his followers, including those from Kalyana Karnataka, had followed him up to his residence at Sadashivanagar near the venue, inconveniencing motorists, including the CM, sources said. The police had a tough time clearing traffic, since the huge crowd was moving towards the venue. Later, they managed to clear the traffic for smooth passage of the chief minister.

Chitradurga DC collects info on Murugha Mutt administration

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Chitradurga

CHITRADURGA District Deputy commissioner Divya Prabhu GRJ on Sunday said that she has collected necessary information sought by the state government over the administration of the Murugha Mutt, along with the functioning of the SJM educational institutions run by it.

She said that the Revenue Department had written her a letter on Friday, requesting her to prepare a report about the SJM Vidyapeeta's administrative matters and the Chinmoolardri Sri Jagadguru Murugharajendra Trust, based on which she had collected necessary information and also asked for certain documents to be presented.

During her visit to SJM First-Grade College at Chandravalli, she learnt about the disbursal of salaries and other things. Further, she said that she would submit a report to the revenue department. Ever since, Murugha Mutt pontiff **Dr Shivamurthy Murugha Sharanaru** has been arrested, after he was accused in two POCSO cases, pressure has been building on him to renounce the chair. Several meetings were also held in this regard and former minister Ekanthappa H himself has taken the lead in one such meeting, and had met CM Basavaraj Bommai, requesting him to help them appoint a new seer.

Govt staffers want old pension scheme back

ENS @ Belagavi

THE statewide 'OPS Sankalp Yatra' being carried out by government employees demanding cancellation of the new pension scheme (NPS) and the re-implementation of the old pension scheme (OPS) entered in Belagavi district on Sunday.

Expressing disappointment over the implementation of the NPS, State Government Employees Association president Shantaram said, "The NPS has been implemented for those employees who joined service after April 1, 2006, in the state. According to it, those who will retire from service will get very less pension. The government's stand over the issue of pension is against the Constitution. Therefore, to protest against the government's action, we conducted the 27th district rally in Belagavi. But, we are yet to receive any response from the government."

Thousands of state government employees participated in the rally, which began from Ashoka Circle near Kote Kere in Belagavi, passing through Sangolli Rayanna Circle, Rani Chennamma Circle, and culminating at the court premises. The employees discussed the next course of their movement for the fulfillment of their demand. "The state government used to state that NPS has been introduced by the Centre, and it is impossible to change it. But, the governments of Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh, and Jharkhand have cancelled the NPS and implemented the OPS. The Karnataka Government should also take a decision on similar lines," he said.

Government employees at the 'OPS Sankalp Yatra' in Belagavi on Sunday

PM Modi to visit state on November 11

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Chitradurga

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi will visit the state on November 11 to take part in three important events -- flagging off of Vande Bharat Chennai-Bengaluru-Mysuru Express, inauguration of the second terminal at the Kempegowda International Airport and unveiling of a 108-foot-tall statue of Nadaprabhu Kempegowda near KIA.

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai said the second terminal at the airport was needed as there is an increase in the movement of international passengers. The new terminal will have the capacity to handle 25 lakh passengers and it will have 100 counters.

With Terminal 1 and 2 put together, KIA will be the second largest airport in the country after the Delhi airport. Terminal 2 will help in developing tourism and other industries, including IT/BT and R&D sectors, in the state, Bommai added.

STRAWS IN THE WIND

Kharge is the man of the moment

New AICC president Mallikarjuna Kharge got a rousing welcome when he landed at Kempegowda International Airport on Sunday -- first came a huge garland of flowers, followed by one of apples. Kharge, unused to such a reception, was quite humbled. As he entered his Sadashivnagar residence in Bengaluru, his daughter Priyadarshini was waiting with the 'aarti' to receive him. Kharge, already exhausted with the grand welcome, gestured to her to perform 'aarti' for AICC general secretary Randeep Singh Surjewala and Opposition leader Siddaramaiah. But the loving daughter stubbornly continued with aarti for Daddy dearest. Kharge's son and political heir Priyank was visibly moved at such adulation.

Siddu admits to 2013 mistake

Leader of Opposition Siddaramaiah belongs to that rare breed of politicians which admits to its mistakes. Recently, he confessed to one such error he had made in 2013. Participating in the birthday celebrations of MLA B K Sangameshwara in Bhadravathi, he admitted that he denied the party ticket to Sangameshwara in 2013 as he wanted his 'friend' C M Ibrahim to contest the election. Ibrahim couldn't win the polls. "But Sangameshwara didn't get angry with me. He has a bright future," said Siddaramaiah, appealing to the people to send (elect) Sangameshwara to Vidhana Soudha again.

Talwar or spanner? Cops junk MLA's story

BJP MLA Harish Poonja's allegation that 'jihadists' tried to attack him with a 'talwar' has become meme material, especially after Dakshina Kannada SP Rishikesh Sonawane clarified that it was just a case of road rage. Poonja, who fashions himself as a Hindutva poster boy, found an opportunity when a vehicle tried to overtake his, when he was returning to Belthangady from Mangaluru on Thursday midnight. Incidentally, the vehicle bore a registration number plate of Kerala -- a state which his party portrays as a land of Islamic extremists. The very next morning, the young MLA surfaced in Mangaluru, giving bites to television channels and adding communal colour to the incident, with details like the accused had brandished a "talwar with a handle". District police swung into action to stem any trouble, and SP Rishikesh Sonawane minced no words when he told the media that it was a case of road rage. What's more: the "talwar with a handle" turned out to be a spanner which the accused had waved angrily, while abusing the MLA.

EXPRESS READ

SC, ST conventions in Ballari, Mysuru

BENGALURU: The ST Morcha convention will be held in Ballari on November 20 and the SC Morcha rally will be held in Mysuru on November 30, announced Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai. Sharing this information with reporters on Sunday, he said the 'Jan Sankalp Yatra' will resume from November 7, and it will be held continuously for three days in Udupi, Gadag, Haveri and Belagavi districts. The yatra will go on till December. The response has been very good everywhere, and this time, the yatra will be held in Mumbai-Karnataka region.

Group plans grand event during idol immersion

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THEIR other friends, including Praveen, Nagnath, Ramesh and Akram, contributed Rs 2,000 each and the group spent close to Rs 15,000 for the idol and daily decorations. "We need more money and people are helping us," he said. Corporator Gajanan Kubde, seeing their enthusiasm, has helped them get the no-objection certificate from the Karwar City Municipality and the police.

"We have just begun it this year. We need to continue it for the next five years," said Mohammed. Though the event was quiet when it began, it has been drawing big crowds now. The group is planning a grand event when the idol is immersed in December.

New quota: Engineers seek 'scientific' roster

BANSY KALAPPA @ Bengaluru

ENGINEERS in Karnataka are unhappy with the present roster system dating back to 1995, which takes care of their recruitment and promotions. They would rather have the more "scientific" roster of the Central government.

While PWD, Water Resources and RDPR departments have the bulk of the engineering staff, the other departments have a small number of engineers.

Office-bearers of the Karnataka Engineers Sangha, S D Thimmaraju and D S Devraj met Chief Secretary Vandita Sharma on Saturday and complained that the engineers' roster followed by the state government since 1995 was flawed.

Thimmaraju and Devraj, who hold the post of president and honorary president of the association, alleged in a formal complaint that the reservation roster was not working scientifically, and had an intrinsic flaw. They said the roster needs to be revised in sync with the one followed by the Central government since 2019.

Handful of officers

Their complaint comes in the backdrop of the recent increase in reservation by 6 per cent -- from 18 to 24 per cent; 15 per cent to 17 per cent for SCs and 3 per cent to 7 per cent for STs. They said the new revised roster needs to accommodate the 6 per cent hike in reservation to accommodate weightage points, as listed in the Union government's roster.

Sources told *TNIE* on condition of anonymity, "The complaint is that where there are hundreds of promotions and recruitments, there is no problem, but when there is only a handful of officers, then the roster system presents a problem."

Basavanna comes alive through drama, literature

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru\Chitradurga:

SOCIAL reformer Basavanna gave equal treatment to all sections of the hierarchical caste system. He did not merely unite different castes, but also treated women as equals by rejecting exclusivist Vedic systems, Union minister **Shobha Karandlaje** said here at the ongoing National Drama Festival at Sanehalli, Chitradurga.

Invoking Basavanna and Narayana Guru, Karandlaje said Karnataka has given the concept of equality to the entire world. Sanehalli Mutt is working to give Basavanna's philosophy to society through drama, art and literature, she said.

Karnataka Housing Minister V Somanna said that politics is not like stagnant water but is always dynamic, and that life becomes worthwhile if there is "sanskaar and purity".

Water Resources Minister Govind Karjol said that social reformer Basavanna had to leave his home for the sake of women and women's equality. He gave priority to the creation of a classless society and built a 'Lingayat religion' to eradicate exploitation. It is regrettable that even after 900 years, we have not been able to build an ideal classless-casteless society, he added. Former Supreme Court judge Justice Gopala Gowda said that though the Constitution provides for equality for girls, neither governments nor the judicial system have failed to bring in equality.

CM using soft power to shore up his sagging image: Experts

BANSY KALAPPA @ Bengaluru

POLITICIANS are conscious of their image and Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai is no exception. With the Assembly polls just about six months away, he has been working on his image ever more carefully.

While he is touted as a 'simple CM' and 'common man CM', he is also seen with stars and celebrities over the last few weeks. During the Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav, he flew to Mysuru in a chopper with Kannada superstar Yash, while earlier, he had spent three days with the Rajkumar family before the funeral of Puneeth Rajkumar.

Brand guru Harish Bijoor said, "Politics and politicians have shown a tendency to associate with film and business stars. Both these celebrity categories have advantages and their positivism has a positive rub-off. The fan of a Junior NTR is a fan of those he associates with. This happens more in cinema and less among business leaders."

Of late, Bommai has often been seen with Infosys Foundation Chairperson Sudha Murty. Political commentator and author Sugata Srinivasraju tweeted recently, "Has #SudhaMurthy become the Rajamata of the Bommai government in Karnataka? Why is she seen so often with him on the dais and in public? Is it the Hubli connection? Or, is Bommai, battered by corruption allegations, making use of the Infosys lady to correct his image?"

He said, "Sudha Murty, I thought, is usually conscious of her associations but this unabashed public display is a bit of a surprise. It would be a great story to just list how many times the two were together at public events and what each said to the other in public. One also wonders if Bommai is cleverly using the popularity of actor #PuneethRajkumar, and the respect with which the Rajkumar family is held by the general public to refurbish his sagging image? There is disquiet about this and Bommai's 'filmy approach' in the state and central BJP for sure." Political analyst BS Murthy said, "Bommai organised Puneeth's Karnataka Ratna award event on the steps of Vidhana Soudha. He did not invite the governor or opposition leader. Usually it is done in the Banquet Hall of Soudha. Sudha Murty was seen both at Dasara inauguration and Puneeth's award function. It gives an impression that Bommai is hiding behind the soft power of Sudha Murthy."

Asked about his close association with Sudha Murty, Bommai said, "She was my senior in college. Our culture is the same. We both also worked at Tatas together and we also have a lot of common friends."

CM Basavaraj Bommai pays homage to Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar during the inauguration of Bhagwan Buddha and Babasaheb Ambedkar lake park at Byatarayanapura in Bengaluru on Sunday | EXPRESS

Telangana Governor Dr Tamilisai Soundararajan lashed out at DMK mouthpiece Murasoli on Sunday for criticising her difference of opinion with the Telangana government. She also claimed the DMK's first family's mother tongue is Telugu and they speak Telugu at home but pretend to be Tamils

THE SKILL QUESTION IN JOB QUOTA

ASHWINI M SRIPAD & CHETAN MG

TAKING part in the recently concluded Global Investors Meet, Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said Karnataka is a major generator of jobs, and a mere 5 per cent of the country's population contributes a whopping 8.8 per cent of the country's Gross Domestic Product (GDP).

Karnataka attracts people from across the country for all kinds of jobs in sectors like IT, textiles, construction and more. But there has been a shrill cry from locals that they are not being given priority in the private sector. Industry experts, however, say there are challenges in implementing this as industries look for appropriately skilled workers.

The Sarojini Mahishi Committee in 1984 recommended that Kannadigas be given priority in the private sector. But four decades later, the government is yet to implement it as there are various hurdles, including legal.

The present BJP government is pushing the Industry Policy 2020-25, which specifies that industries apportion all the D group jobs and 70 per cent of overall jobs to Kannadigas. During the winter session of the legislature, the government tried to pass the Kannada Language Comprehensive Development Bill, which apart from seeking job quota for Kannadigas in the private sector also aims to implement Kannada effectively.

Kannada and Culture Minister V Sunil Kumar had said that the Bill specifies reservation for Kannadigas in education and employment. "If the companies do not follow it, the Bill clearly says their incentives and rebates can be withdrawn," he said.

The state government has the sanction to hire 7.7 lakh employees, but is managing with around five lakh staffers. Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai has said one lakh posts will be filled this year and the remaining 1.5 lakh over the next two years that will open up opportunities for Kannadigas and give a boost to the economy.

After the successful completion of GIM, where MoUs worth nearly Rs 10 lakh crore were signed, Bommai told TNIE that the government expects to generate lakhs of jobs from these investments and through other initiatives. The proposed Bill will ensure more jobs for Kannadigas, he added.

The unemployment rate in the state is 3.7 per cent in rural areas and 5.1 per cent in urban areas, with an overall average of 3.6 per cent, as per the Economic Survey Report 2020-21.

The survey considers anyone engaging in any economic activity for 30 days or more in a year as employed, using the Usual Principal and Subsidiary Status Approach. The report mentions that Karnataka has the lowest level of unemployment as compared to other parts of the country.

JOB DYNAMICS

Of the estimated 6.11 crore population in Karnataka, 2.44 crore have registered as workers and 55 per cent of the population is in the age group of 20 to 59 years

WORKFORCE STRENGTH

- Agriculture and allied sectors **56%**
- Manufacturing & Mining - **11%**
- Shops, establishments and trade **9%**
- Construction **7%**
- Services **17%**

OF NOTE

Three-fourths of workers are estimated to be in the unorganised sector consisting of agricultural labourers and those in the sub-sectors of non-manufacturing such as shops, establishments & trade, construction, real estate & business activities and hotels & restaurants.

Most of the workers in the organised sector are found in manufacturing & mining, and information technology & biotechnology.

LONG-TERM TARGET

- Position Karnataka as the preferred destination of choice for skilled human capital in India
- Skilling about 1 crore persons
- Emerge among the top 10 global hubs for highly skilled manpower

IT'S ALL ABOUT SKILL

TV Mohandas Pai, former director of Infosys and present chairman of Manipal Global Education, said that according to the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO), Karnataka adds an average of 11 lakh jobs every year, which is higher than the number of youth entering the working age, meaning Karnataka has a surplus of jobs.

He said the government and leaders are focusing only on announcing reservation in jobs for Kannadigas. "It could be a political statement, considering that the state is facing the Assembly polls next year. But one should realise that skilled knowledge and experience are more significant. The government should look into it and train the youth."

The government should focus on primary and higher education in North Karnataka, as the enrolment rate in the region is a pitiable 19 per cent, while the state averages 32 per cent. In Tamil Nadu, it is at a healthy 52 per cent.

An industry spokesperson, who is linked to a major manufacturing company, said in principle, there is no problem in giving reservation to locals in the private sector, but the question is how many jobs and what kind of jobs.

"The reservation may not affect the manufacturing sector much as skills required are not high. But it is not the case with IT companies operating in Bengaluru as they may not find enough and required talent. North Karnataka may not have any impact as more than 60 per cent of the workforce is Kannadiga," he added.

CONCERNS

There are also apprehensions that reservation may put innovation on the backtrack. "Now they are talking about 'Build for the World'. How can you do it with local talent? In high technology, many skill sets are not available in the country. The world is going towards Industry 4.0 and how are you going to implement it if you bring in reservation? Companies have to hire expats and people from other states who are well-versed in technology," said the industry spokesperson, adding that reservation can be accepted at the lower level.

Though some states have introduced job reservation in the private sector, reports suggest that it is not being implemented strictly. "There is a similar rule in Telangana, but there are provisions like paying some amount as a fine for not following it," another industry expert said.

BV Gopal Reddy, president, Federation of Karnataka Chambers of Commerce & Industry, said it is difficult to arrive at a conclusion before the government prepares the draft. "There are various aspects as the quota involves skilled and unskilled workers. We have to see to which sectors, like IT, manufacturing or service, the reservation would be applicable," he said, adding that the implementation will not be an easy task.

BIG PICTURE

Suresh Hari, Chairman of Confederation of Real Estate Developers Association of India - Bengaluru Chapter, said there is a plenty of local talent among blue-collared jobs in the construction sector. From civil engineers to architects, many are Kannadigas.

Hari said lower level jobs in their field need training. "If the state government is ready, we are willing to help in providing training," he said.

He pointed out that many years ago, people from outside Karnataka, especially Tamil Nadu and North India, came here for daily wages as locals were not opting for these jobs. Now the scenario has changed as people from North Karnataka and other parts of the state are taking over, he added.

Tiger haunts Wayanad again

Kalpetta: The Tiger menace has returned to haunt Wayanad. An elusive big cat killed nine goats tied on the premises of two houses at Meenangadi panchayat in the district on Saturday night, spreading panic among residents. Forest department officials have swung into action. The attacks come just nine days after another tiger that killed cows in the neighbouring Cheeral village was captured following month-long efforts. **ENS**

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E-Auction Sale of Timber, Firewood, Billets and Poles will be held in G.T Anekadu 14-11-2022 to 17-11-2022 at 10-00 A.M. By www.mstcecommerce.com website. Interested persons may contact in the below Address or over Phone Number: 08276 271143 / 08272 228305
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Dated: 31-10-2022 Deputy Conservator of Forests, Madikeri Division, Madikeri

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KPTCL invites bids for Repairs and Maintenance works coming under the jurisdiction of Transmission (W&M) Circle, KPTCL, Hubballi.
The detailed notification regarding the works can be obtained from the office of the undersigned & from the Office Notice Board.
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Three taken into custody

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AN ex-intel officer, Kulkarni had noticed that he was being followed by several cars in the past with an intention to crash into him. "Our father-in-law had revealed this to us over the phone as we stay in the US. We had told him to file a complaint, and he did with the local police station.

He had also written to the city police commissioner and even to the Prime Minister Office along with details of vehicles (number plates) that followed him on three different occasions," said Angadi.

The police have registered a case under IPC Sections 302 and 34 and begun the investigation.

Sources revealed that as Sanjaya has mentioned Madappa and his sons as suspects in the case, the police have taken the three into custody for questioning.

City Police Commissioner Dr Chandragupta said, "It was a case of murder. We are investigating it from different angles to establish the exact reason behind the act."

Tourists in large numbers come to see the bridge, whose concrete slabs are in bad shape, near Kemmannu in Udupi taluk | EXPRESS

Hanging bridge in Udupi in dire state, needs immediate attention

Udupi: After the recent ghastly collapse of Morbi bridge in Gujarat, the condition of various other hanging bridges across the country has become a cause of concern. A hanging bridge near Kemmannu in Udupi taluk, which is a famous tourist spot, too is in a bad shape. Residents said the bridge is a danger to users and tourists, who come in large numbers to see it. They added that there has been no maintenance of the bridge that was built in 1991. They have now appealed to the Udupi district administration to carry out necessary repairs. The bridge connects Padukudru and Thimmannakudru. Though only 15-20 people can cross the bridge at a time, there have been instances when hundreds have gathered on the unmonitored bridge, which is 280-foot long. Some portions made of concrete slabs have deteriorated, while iron railings have rusted in some spots. Udupi DC Kurma Rao M said he has instructed officials to inspect the bridge, check if it is in a usable condition and not to make any compromises on its safety. Another, stabler bridge has been built next to the hanging bridge, but there is a need to retain and maintain the hanging bridge as many tourists visit it, the residents say. **ENS**

TRS bags Munugode seat in neck-and-neck race

V V BALAKRISHNA @Hyderabad

SUNDAY provided that much-needed insight to major political parties in the State to rework their strategies ahead of the 2023 Assembly elections.

The ruling Telangana Rashtra Samithi (TRS) had the last laugh with its candidate Kusukuntla Prabhakar Reddy crossing the rubicon in the Munugode Assembly byelection by 10,309 votes, in what turned out to be a neck-and-neck race against the BJP's Komatireddy Rajagopal Reddy till the last few rounds of counting.

Though it was a triumphant moment for the TRS, the saffron party's success in crushing the Congress and claiming bragging rights as an alternative isn't exactly the kind of result the pink party was hoping for. But for the failure of the Congress to retain its vote-bank or even secure its deposit, the TRS victory could have been much bigger. Its ally, CPI's State leader Palla Venkat Reddy, put it succinctly, "Rajagopal Reddy was defeated, but BJP won the bypoll" -- even as TRS leaders and cadre heaved a sigh of relief and took to celebrations.

TRS working president K T Rama Rao celebrates with party MLAs | EXPRESS

The Munugode bypoll was necessitated due to the resignation of Rajagopal Reddy as a Congress MLA to join the BJP.

"It was the BJP strategy to make him resign and force a bypoll on the people of Munugode," a TRS leader said, explaining that the saffron party wanted to wipe the Congress out as it had done in West Bengal and position itself as the main opposition. The strategy worked, as the Congress votes shifted to the BJP along with Rajagopal. As a Congress candidate, he polled 99,239 votes in 2018 elections. This time, he got 86,697 and Congress' Palvai Sravanthi only 23,906 votes.

In his first reaction to the result, TRS working president KT Rama Rao conceded that his party should have won by a wider margin but pinned the blame for the same on the BJP's money muscle.

KAMAL-MANI JUGALBANDI

Union of legends after 35 long years

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Chennai

THIRTY-FIVE years after they first joined forces for the unforgettable *Nayagan*, Kamal Haasan and Mani Ratnam will come together for a film once again.

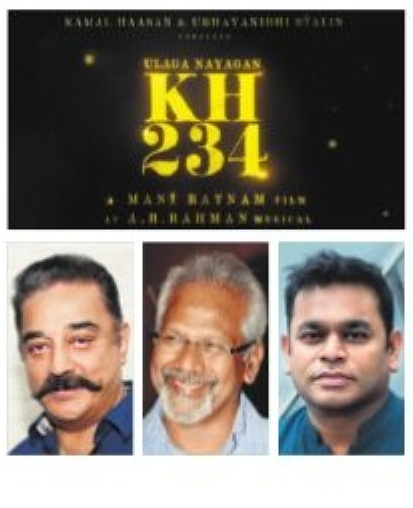
The project, which will have A R Rahman making music, will be Kamal Haasan's 234th film. The announcement was made by Udhayanidhi Stalin, with the film to be a co-production between Udhayanidhi's Red Giant Studios, Kamal's Raaj Kamal Film International, and Mani Ratnam's Madras Talkies.

It came as a pleasant surprise for industry watchers as there was not even a murmur about the titans teaming up again.

The announcement was made with a video that introduces the logos of all the production houses associated with this film, that is referred to by its working title, *KH 234*.

The film will also mark Rahman's collaboration with Kamal, 21 years after 2001's *Thenali*. Further cast and crew details related to the project are currently under wraps.

Kamal, in a statement, said, "I was equally excited 35 years



before when I was about to start work with Mani Ratnam. Collaborating with a similar mind-set is stimulating. This stimulation includes Rahman as well. Eagerly looking forward to present this venture with Mr Udhayanidhi Stalin."

Mani Ratnam, in his statement, expressed his excitement too: "Happy, honoured and excited to collaborate with Kamal Sir again."

Kamal is currently busy with *Indian 2* while Mani Ratnam's *Ponniyin Selvan 2* is expected to be a summer release in 2023. With *KH 234* slated for a 2024 release, it is likely that the film will go on floors after the completion of their current commitments.

CPM gives govt nod to strip guv of chancellorship

T'Puram: Clearing decks for the removal of Governor Arif Mohammed Khan from the chancellorship of universities in the state, the CPM state committee on Sunday gave its nod to the government to amend the university acts for the purpose. Briefing reporters after the state committee meeting, CPM secretary M V Govindan said the present situation calls for discussions on whether or not powers of the chancellor should continue to be vested with the governor. "We will have to take an appropriate stance," he said. Govindan also said Khan's recent actions will be resisted "legally and constitutionally". **ENS**

EDITORIAL

"Every loss teaches you something. The quicker you learn from the losses, then forget about the actual losing, the better off you will be" — Maria Sharapova

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— Ramnath Goenka

INFRASTRUCTURE SPEND WELCOME, BUT CAN'T LOSE SIGHT OF QUALITY

The finance minister will present her budget in Parliament in just over two months. Though these are early days for speculations on the likely budget proposals, many feel that the government would continue its generous allocation towards infrastructure spending. In her previous budget, the FM had increased the outlay for capital expenditure by 35.4% from ₹5.54 lakh crore to ₹7.50 lakh crore in FY23. The expectations are that this might go up to ₹10 lakh crore in the forthcoming budget.

Governments—both Union and state—have been making ambitious announcements regarding infrastructure. In August this year, Union Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari told Rajya Sabha that the road infrastructure in India would be similar to that of the United States. In this year's budget, the finance minister announced the launch of 400 Vande Bharat high-speed trains in the next three years.

All political parties in India now understand the value of newly-created infrastructure and how they help in creating a sense of development and progress among voters. So, everyone wants to build roads, bridges, schools and hospitals and run new trains, metros, buses, etc. But the flip side of potholed roads, caving in newly-built expressways, high-speed trains being 'derailed' by cattle, and poorly managed hospitals and schools, raise the question of whether we are compromising on the quality in a hurry to create new infrastructure. Crowded and messy stations, airports and trains show signs of a revival of economic activities, but they also show the country's infrastructure in a poor light. Poorly planned infrastructure could also become white elephants in the long run.

While we can now boast of metro rails in many cities, it is also true that barring Delhi and Mumbai, most metro trains have been failing to get the kind of ridership that would help them break even. There is clearly a case for fixing the accountability of the authorities and private contractors responsible for poor quality work, maintenance and upkeep. We have come a long way in terms of infrastructure being created in the country, but need to keep raising the bar regarding the quality and utility of this infrastructure.

NURTURE *JUGAAD* TO FOSTER RURAL BUSINESS

Union Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal, at the inaugural of the Global Investors' Meet (GIM)-2022 in Bengaluru on November 2, cited the case of the blockbuster film *Kantara* as an ideal example of a low-investment-high-returns business. The film, made with a budget of ₹16 crore, has already yielded ₹300 crore in revenues. The Union minister's *Kantara* analogy amused the delegates and received huge applause. They were aware that huge profit margins can be achieved by small businesses with low-cost resources generating effective solutions to meet targeted areas of demand. *Jugaad* has that potential.

Indians are no strangers to *jugaad* (quirky innovations), a concept of making new things with meagre resources, or solving problems using quicker, startling methods. *Jugaad* has seen innovations like the areca tree-climbing bike developed by an areca farmer-entrepreneur in Komale near Mangaluru who faced labour problems. He developed the contraption, which he calls the Areca Bike. It climbs 90 tall areca trees in a day using a litre of petrol. It cut labour costs and problems. The demand for Areca Bikes grew.

In the late 1980s, the Indian Institute of Science's then Application of Science and Technology for Rural Areas (ASTRA) (now the Centre for Sustainable Technologies) developed a low-cost fruit/vegetable dryer to preserve the produce in a dried form for over a year while retaining the nutritive value. Farmers often destroy their own produce if the price depreciates or if their fruits/vegetables are wasted in times of glut. The drier can protect the yield from price fluctuations or glut and generate self-employment among women in rural areas. It gained popularity in some pockets of the country as women could directly sell the produce in a dried and packaged form but failed to sustain it due to a lack of nurturing it as a business model. The Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) fosters innovation, provides platforms and creates an umbrella structure to oversee innovation and the entrepreneurship ecosystem. But this needs to penetrate and spread into the vast Indian rural outback.

The GIM-2022 concluded on Friday with ₹9.82 lakh crore worth MoUs signed against an expected ₹7.5 lakh crore. There is talk of generating lakhs of job opportunities. But well-nurtured *jugaad*-based small business models can create entrepreneurship and self-employment widely among the rural youth. Outside of GIM-2022, that needs a more significant push.

QUICK TAKE

PROTECT GROUNDWATER RESOURCES

India may soon face empty aquifers thanks to the careless cultivation of water-intensive crops. The latest ICRISAT report says groundwater extraction is over 100% in leading agricultural states, negating rainwater harvesting efforts. Alarmingly, the ground above empty aquifers is sinking in some regions because of excessive extraction. The government must act quickly to stop exploitative groundwater use and avoid the prospect of food insecurity and the resultant impact on people's livelihoods. A revised agriculture policy must ensure that weather and terrain determine the crop type. For instance, dry regions should not deal with water-intensive crops like sugarcane, wheat and rice.

The shift in power has introduced a superficial sense of normalcy to the island reeling under economic devastation

APPALLING RANIL CRACKDOWN ON POLITICAL DISSENT

DILRUKSHI HANDUNNETTI

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The world watched as Sri Lanka's mass protests forced a powerful executive president out of office, effectively (albeit temporarily) ending a period of nepotistic power politics that offered no transparency or accountability to their own unsuspecting voters. That the populist Rajapaksas ruled at will, borrowing extensively and splurging on prestige projects is now an established fact.

What the protestors and non-protestors did not bargain for was the ascendancy of a crisis president in the unpopular form of Ranil Wickremesinghe, a seasoned politician whose strange mix of liberal politics and authoritarianism does not endear him to the electorate. It is no surprise that Wickremesinghe has cleverly warmed his way to the top slot through political maneuvering to live his dream. Some would have even chosen to ignore his lust for power for daring to accept the crown of thorns at such a decisive moment, and retain a bit of faith in his ability to drag the island out of the current economic morass.

The shift in power has brought in several changes to the island's political landscape. For a start, it has introduced a superficial sense of normalcy to the Indian Ocean island reeling under economic devastation, leaving Wickremesinghe to grapple with snowballing problems, both financial and political. The incumbency's attention remains largely focused on reaching a staff level agreement with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) by December and then debt restructuring with other creditors, specially with China, a Shylock among bilateral creditors.

For all his liberalism, Wickremesinghe rides several hobby horses that fail to reflect an open mind. He has chosen to ruthlessly crackdown on political dissenters and continues to drive fear and punishment without any qualms for daring to commit the crime of mounting an unprecedented political campaign to overthrow a regime. He knows that the simmering discontent can spill onto the streets once again, and there'd be no love lost between the island's angry youth and him.

He continues to go after them without mercy, dismissing condemnation by the international community for his failure to recognise people's constitutionally guaranteed right to protest. On the other hand, he has 'normalised' the political conditions to keep dissent under control and a backdrop for the disgraced Rajapaksa clan to make a political comeback. For him, normalcy is also the absence of dissent for which the long arm of law is used effectively.

SOUMYADIP SINHA

Unfortunately for Sri Lanka, the island is now among the top 10 nations with the highest rate of inflation and high global food inflation. It is also known for its flagging human rights record with several thousands under detention and many without charges. As the cost of living skyrockets and the future turns bleak, many Sri Lankans are now leaving the shores. Some seek overseas employment while others risk rickety boat rides as economic refugees, reminiscent of the July 1983 exodus and thereafter. Waves of people fled the island due to ethnic persecution in that era while today, the reasons are economic.

Instead of channeling his energies towards preventing brain drain, attracting investments, restructuring debt and raising critical financial assistance to support the most vulnerable sections of society, Wickremesinghe is focused on controlling public anger from spilling onto the streets.

Wickremesinghe may have presented himself as a crisis president on a short-term assignment. But those familiar with his political cunning and the long history of political survival know that he is utilising the crisis to lay a firm political foundation for himself and his political party, the United National Party (UNP).

Instead of holding genuine discussions with the youth protestors to address their concerns, Wickremesinghe has chosen to punish the messengers for daring to challenge political authority. While the public remain desirous of action being taken against those responsible for this gross national failure and committing of economic crimes against the people, Wickremesinghe stays unflinching, not willing to crack the whip. The president who wants the rebellious youth to "confess their sins" and to be rehabilitated/mainstreamed, remains tight-lipped on framing charges against individuals and a government responsible for the domestic economic collapse.

Wickremesinghe is in a hurry to show normalcy to the world, and believes that outlawing protests and declaring high security zones to deny public access to strategic places could quell the simmering dissent and maintain peace. A man who consistently spoke of the need to engage the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) to pursue a long-term political solution to the island's ethnic strife clearly does not have the same passion to engage with the protestors on taking action against those who robbed the collective future of an entire island. With the typical arrogance of a feudal ruler, he resorts to control and reins in social media with his hound dogs on the loose, chasing individuals even for their critical social media posts.

Sri Lanka, despite the steps taken to raise its head from the abyss, is far from resolving its debt crisis. What's worse, the island's leadership does not appear to appreciate that normalcy is also about enjoying personal freedoms and such conditions need to be created to convince the world that Sri Lanka is ready to evolve. Part of that evolution is also about our human rights credentials, not just a band-aid on the economy.

In his quest for consolidation of power, there are fundamentals President Wickremesinghe cannot miss out on. Not just the people of Sri Lanka but the world at large would like to see action being taken against the economic assassins of Sri Lanka, irrespective of their status. A couple of months ago, the Human Rights Watch (HRW) urged Sri Lanka to resume participation in the Stolen Asset Recovery Initiative (StAR), a World Bank and United Nations partnership that supports international efforts to do effective money trails to end safe havens for corrupt funds—and even to make this a commitment when reaching an agreement with the IMF.

If sincere to the twin cause of economic recovery and ending grand corruption, Wickremesinghe should ensure people's right to peaceful protest, release those arbitrarily detained under the Prevention of Terrorism Act (PTA) and resume participation in StAR and be bold enough to hold impartial investigations into allegations of serious human rights abuses and high-level corruption, for which the island continues to pay a huge price.

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TAUGHT NOT TO TAKE EVEN GOD'S WORD FOR IT

RENUKA NARAYANAN

FAITHLINE

There is a lot said about 'speaking truth to power'. One amazing instance of it is the story of Nakkirar. I cannot think of a single example like it. Scholars say he lived between the third and eighth centuries, which is a vast span of time to choose from. However, Nakkirar's book is celebrated. He is the author of the first known and most ancient volume of *bhakti* or devotional verse. It is dedicated to Lord Murugan and describes the six temples in Tamil Nadu known as the 'Aarupadai Veedu', where the major incidents took place in Murugan theology. These six temples still form the pilgrim circuit for devotees of Murugan. They are: Tiruttani, Pazhani, Pazhamudhircholai, Tiruchendur, Tirupurankundram and Swami Malai. They are vibrant, beautiful temples and an important part of cultural history, involving the deep sentiments of millions.

Nakkirar is said to have belonged to a family of conch cutters in Madurai that specialised in a craft dedicated to the Supreme Goddess who presided over the city. Her neck was famously praised as being 'smooth as a conch'. The impression one gets of the people of ancient Madurai is that they were very sensitive and cultured, and luxuriated in the sweet smell of 'Madurai malli' or jasmine. Though a sturdy race, with spears blunted in many a battle, they lived a good life in their green and pleasant land nourished by the river Vaigai.

Madurai was especially famous as the epicenter of poetry. The traditions of the Sangam or Academy Era or fine verse were by no means over when Nakkirar found a place at King Shenbaga Pandyan's court as a poet of eminence. He became, over time, the leader of the academy. It is said that anyone who could compose well had a claim on the court and on the academy that set the standard for language and literature.

Being deeply in love with his queen, King Shenbaga Pandyan decided one day to hold a poetry competition on the eternally pleasing theme of 'woman', with a thousand gold coins as the prize for the winner. The town crier made the announcement and Madurai began to hum as contenders set to work, scribbling on palm leaves or striding up and down the banks of the Vaigai, hoping for inspiration.

In this hubbub, a day before the poets' assembly, a poor and not particularly bright poet called Darumi, wandered into the great temple where Lord Shiva was worshipped as Kalathinathar, the Lord of Time.

"You're a fine one," he told the god, who lurked at ease in his shrine, sure of being offered camphor, water, milk, bilva leaves and quantities of fruit and flowers several times a day. "You don't care that I'm hopelessly inadequate as a poet but know no other trade. The city expects everyone to be good at what they do, especially poetry. Did you have to hold the first Sangam of antiquity in my city?"

K K SUNDAR

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A little cough sounded behind him and he saw an old man offering him a scroll. "A verse for you, then," said the mysterious old man with the faintest wink, and vanished suddenly. Darumi could not believe his luck.

Poets' assembly day. Almost all of Madurai gathered in the great temple near the big tank. The competitors declaimed their verses to the king and the members of the academy. All too soon it was Darumi's turn. He blinked when roars of applause greeted his verse and the king decided to give him the prize. But Nakkirar stood up and said no.

"Why not, noble poet?" said the king.

"There is a fault in his verse. He speaks of the natural fragrance of a woman's hair. There is no such thing," said Nakkirar. "While the academy grants a due measure of poetic license, we do not mislead the public."

The king frowned and the public chuckled. Darumi panicked. "It is not my poem," he stammered and bolted to the temple, calling frantically for the old man.

The old man obligingly appeared and went to the assembly with Darumi. Nakkirar, at a nod from the king, repeated his objection. "Very well," said the old man smoothly. "Perhaps not in the case of an ordinary woman. But surely the queen of our fair realm has naturally fragrant hair?" The crowd gasped at the impertinence.

But, "No," said Nakkirar with frigid politeness. "Our noble queen, though the queen, is a mortal woman."

"What about the celestial maidens then, the apsaras?" said the old man, smiling faintly.

"We have no means of verifying that possibility," said Nakkirar.

The king laughed suddenly and so did the public. Darumi stole a look at the old man and cried out in fear. The old man stood very straight and his limbs glowed with unearthly lustre. A vertical crease shone on his forehead, glowing a fiery red.

"The Lord God!" whimpered Madurai and fell to its knees. Only Nakkirar remained composed.

"Tell me, Nakkirar," said the old man sternly. "Would you say that even Parvati whom you worship daily as Poonkodai, the goddess who wears flowers, has no natural fragrance to her hair?"

Nakkirar bowed low to the old man. "Even if it's the Lord with the eye on his forehead, a fault is a fault," he said humbly but firmly.

It's said that Nakkirar then took a flying leap into the tank to escape being scorched to death by Lord Shiva's third eye. But he came to no harm for Lord Shiva liked it that Nakkirar, though a puny mortal, had stood up to him with such polite conviction and even rebuked him indirectly for dragging Goddess Parvati's name into it. As a matter of fact, Lord Shiva went away greatly pleased that a lesson had been imparted to all to think things through and respond appropriately.

In gratitude, Nakkirar asked the king to give the gold to Darumi although it was not his poem at all and remained as faulty as ever.

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COP27's challenges

Apropos of *COP27: End silence on rich nations wastage* (Nov 6). For a few decades now, leaders of developed nations have been part of climate summits, but there has been no tangible change yet. Poorer countries bear the brunt of the West's actions. The writer aptly said that climate change is a global issue and not country-specific. Hopefully, COP27 comes up with the necessary measures to tackle it.
S Arjun Prasanna, Bengaluru

Alleviating poverty

Apropos of *Multi-dimensional poverty* (Nov 6). Poverty is the main obstacle on India's path to development. Like Bibek Debroy said, the government must focus on health, education and standard of living. Even if poverty cannot be completely mitigated, India must work towards reducing it by creating more job opportunities. The country must also become more export-oriented and focus on science and technology.
Ravi Nair, Palakkad

Byapari on caste

Rickshawala-turned-popular writer-turned-politician Manoranjan Byapari said that he still faces ill-treatment for being born a Dalit. The caste system is so deeply entrenched in our society that he had to request the SP in his area not to provide an upper-caste security guard. What a shame! This is happening when the nation is celebrating "Amrit Mahotsav". When will this heinous system come to an end?
Pratap Nayak, Bhubaneswar

Rohit's challenges

Apropos of *Missing element in captain's planet* (Nov 6). Rohit Sharma has been nifty with his strategies and impressed everyone with his calm demeanour over the years. The standards set by his predecessors have certainly created a lot of pressure for him and cannot be ignored. As the semi final lies ahead, hopefully he can reshape his strategy and lead the team to victory.
Maya P C, Kannur

Voting is one's right

Apropos of *India's first voter passes away at 106, three days after casting his last vote* (Nov 6) Shyam Saran Negi has set an example for his students. What patriotism he had! Everyone must realise that voting is an important right and must not be missed.
Dr Indra Getzy David, Tirunelveli

First voter an inspiration

I am sad to hear that Shyam Negi has passed away. He is an example for youngsters in this country. Hopefully, this icon inspires many more people to be responsible for the nation.
Bhushan Swami K, email

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TWEETS OF THE DAY

Piyush Goyal @PiyushGoyal
Govt. led by PM @NarendraModi ji issued guidelines and mill-wise export quota for sugar season 2022-23. It will help sugarcane farmers and the industry.

Mahua Moitra @MahuaMoitra
@KirenRijiju Sir, as a petitioner in sedition case, I'll remind you its law is from 1890, govt had ample time to change it but didn't. Thank God SC acted!

Ashok Gehlot @ashokgehlot51
Confusion is being spread by BJP in Himachal Pradesh and Gujarat that only OPS has been announced in Rajasthan, that no one got any benefit.

BYPOLL BATTLE: THE REPORT CARD

BIHAR

GOPALGANJ
- Winner: Kusum Devi (BJP)
- Loser: Mohan Prasad Gupta (RJD)
- Winning margin: 1,794
- Last time winner: BJP

MOKAMA
- Winner: Neelem Devi (BJP)
- Loser: Sonam Devi (RJD)
- Winning margin: 16,741
- Last time winner: RJD

UTTAR PRADESH

GOLA GOKRANNATH
- Winner: Aman Giri (BJP)
- Loser: Vinay Tiwari (SP)
- Winner margin: 34,298
- Last time winner: BJP

TELANGANA

MUNUGODE
- Winner: Koosukuntla (TRS)
- Loser: Komati Reddy (BJP)
- Winning margin: 9,146
- Last time winner: Congress

MAHARASHTRA

ANDHERI EAST
- Winner: Rutuja Ramesh Latke (Shiv Sena-Uddhav Balasaheb Thackeray)
- Second vote-getter: NOTA
- Winning margin: 53,724
- Last time winner: Shiv Sena

ODISHA

DHAMNAGAR
- Winner: Suryabanshi Suraj (BJP)
- Loser: Abanti Das (BJD)
- Winning margin: 9,881
- Last time winner: BJP

HARYANA

ADAMPUR
- Winner: Bhavya Bishnoi, grandson of ex-CM Bhajan Lal (BJP)
- Loser: Jai Prakash Harikesh (Congress)
- Winning margin: 15,740
- Last time winner: (Congress)

PARTYWISE VOTE SHARE

BIHAR

AIMIM	3.85%
BJP	41.89%
BSP	2.79%
NOTA	1.46%
RJD	46.60%
Other	3.42%

HARYANA

AAAP	2.60%
BJP	51.32%
INC	39.35%
INLD	3.99%
NOTA	0.18%
Other	2.57%

ODISHA

BJD	43.05%
BJP	49.09%
INC	2.18%
NOTA	0.40%
Other	5.28%

TELANGANA

BJP	38.38%
BSP	1.84%
INC	10.58%
NOTA	0.21%
TRS	42.95%
Other	6.04%

MAHARASHTRA

NOTA	14.79%
SHSUBT	76.85%
Other	8.36%

UTTAR PRADESH

BJP	55.88%
NOTA	0.79%
SP	40.52%
Other	2.80%

UTTAR PRADESH
Gola Gokarannath in Lakhimpur Kheri district, UP, establishes the winning streak of ruling BJP and a setback to SP ahead of crucial Lok Sabha bye-elections

ODISHA
The opposition BJP retains the Dhamnagar assembly seat of Odisha despite a high-voltage campaign by the ruling BJD.

MAHARASHTRA
Andheri East bypoll's Uddhav Thackeray-led Shiv Sena's win is on expected lines, but NOTA getting 12,806 votes surprises many.

TELANGANA
Ruling TRS defies poll predictions of getting a bypoll shock before upcoming assembly polls by securing victory in keenly watched contest in Munugode.

HARYANA
Bhajan Lal family retains Adampur bastion as BJP's Bhavya Bishnoi won againt Congress nominee Jai Prakash, indicating that BJP's grip over the state is intact.

BIHAR
RJD sees its victory margin fall in Mokama constituency where Neelem Singh, wife of muscleman Anant Singh, wins. In Gopalganj, RJD chief Lalu Yadav's constituency, BJP wins, albeit with thin margin

BJP main rival, but Cong not finished, says BJD supremo

In a freewheeling Q&A with Editorial Director of *The New Indian Express* Prabhu Chawla, Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik said that people will again bless the BJD in 2024 because of the all-round development of the state and welfare programmes launched by the government.

CMs of non-BJP-ruled states say federalism is under threat. You have good relations with all of them, be it Sharad Pawar or PM Narendra Modi. Is the federal structure under threat?
As far as I and my government are concerned, we have a constructive relationship with the Centre. Our concern is only the development and welfare of our state. The Centre cooperates with us on that.

You are getting cooperation from the Centre?
Yes. We are getting good cooperation.

You have friendly relations with the Prime Minister?
Yes, it is amiable.

Can you spell out three steps that you will take to beat the record of six successive victories of Jyoti Basu in West Bengal?
Our government remains focused on the development of the state and the welfare of the people. We will continue with our programmes and I am sure people will bless us again.

Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik and Prabhu Chawla, Editorial Director, TNIE, at OLF on Sunday | DEBADATTA MALLICK

The 2024 election will be between BJD and BJP and not BJD and Congress?
The Congress is very much still there.

What do you think about the result of (Dhamnagar) by-election today?
We have lost very few by-elections all these years. I always respect the verdict of the people. The MLA in Dhamnagar died recently. He was very popular. His son was given the ticket. The BJP had held this seat for a number of years. So it was expected that they will win the seat. But in the recent zilla parishad elections for all the 30 districts, we won all of them.

What are important Naveen Patnaik imprints on the development of the state?
Odisha was known for calamity and poverty. A year before we came to power in the state in 1999, there was a super cyclone in which more than 10,000 people died. We immediately took steps to see that this type of calamity does not recur. We started an institution for calamity protection which has done very well. When we came to power, the state budget was a mere ₹5,000 crore annually. Today, the state budget is almost ₹2 lakh crore.

Odisha's 'kahani' is of transformation and development: Naveen

BIJAY CHAKI @ Bhubaneswar

CHIEF Minister Naveen Patnaik on Sunday said Odisha is a story of turnaround and development that have many facets of transforming lives of the people. Delivering the valedictory address, 'My state, the soul of stories', at the 10th edition of the Odisha Literary Festival (OLF) here, the chief minister said Odisha has consistently outgrown the pace of national growth rate.

"May it be food production or disaster management, may it be women empowerment or healthcare, sports, education or service delivery, transformational changes are visible all across the state. The stories of our transformation are creating buzz around the nation and across the globe," he stated.

The chief minister said Odisha has risen from the bottom of the pyramid to a state with immense possibilities. Referring to the mind-numbing story of Rebati, the girl who was cursed for daring to study, written by one of the greatest Odia writers Fakir Mohan Senapati at the beginning of the 20th century, Naveen presented a contrasting picture of today. He cited the example of Karama Muduli, a tribal girl from the remote Bonda hills, who realised her dreams by studying in a university. "The current story is the story of present day Odisha, a story of immense possibilities," he said. Giving another example, he said Kalahandi district which was infamous for poverty is now a major producer of rice, helping the state to contribute to the national food distribution programme.

The chief minister said that during the second wave of the Covid-19 pandemic, the state led the move to supply oxygen all over the country to save people's lives. Besides, the state is the centre of attraction for investors, he said and added that numerous such stories speak of the giant leaps taken by Odisha in different fields.

Naveen said Odisha is filled with marvellous stories that depict concepts such as intuition, harmony, cooperation, sharing, and reverence for people's lives. "These concepts have manifested timelessly in a myriad of storytelling forms. The story of a confident Odisha is truly inspiring, timeless, and a never-ending journey," he said. Stating that Odisha has always been an epitome of rich art, culture, literature and traditions that have been honed over centuries, he said.

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Parivar Priorities

RSS PLANS TO SHORTEN PRACHARAKS' POSTING IN BJP

When former BJP president Nitin Gadkari was dropped from the powerful parliamentary board, the party's current boss J P Nadda visited the Udaseen Ashram to brief RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat about the circumstances that led to the decision. There is a symbiotic relationship between the BJP and the RSS. Besides being on the same page on ideological issues, both cooperate closely on organisational matters. Senior RSS leaders are embedded in the BJP's organisational team for coordination and ideological piloting. The post of organising secretary at the central and state levels in the BJP is usually held by RSS pracharaks. There have been pracharaks who've held the post for over a decade. Ram Lal, for example, functioned as BJP's general secretary (organisation) for thirteen years. He is now back with the RSS. Sources said that the RSS plans to cut short the pracharaks' exposure to the BJP. There is a feeling within the Sangh that long stints with the BJP led to the politicisation of pracharaks. They are sent to the BJP for organisational work, not to dabble in politics. The Sangh is, therefore, in the process of firming up a decision not to give its pracharaks more than one or, in exceptional circumstances, two terms in the BJP. As per the BJP constitution, the term of its office-bearers lasts for three years.

Political Gambit

DECEMBER MCD POLLS TO KEEP AAP AWAY FROM GUJARAT

The Aam Aadmi Party took away Congress voters in Delhi and Punjab and played a role in its defeat in Goa. But now it threatens to eat into the BJP votes in the high-stakes Gujarat assembly elections. Arvind Kejriwal started the Gujarat campaign by tying up with Chhotubhai Vasava's Bharatiya Tribal Party. The alliance was expected to hurt both the Congress and the BJP in the tribal belt, home to 15 per cent of the state's population. But they soon parted ways. Kejriwal is now on his own. And true to form, he focuses largely on the urban seats of Ahmedabad, Surat and Vadodara. These are the BJP's strongholds. There is little surprise that the BJP's attack in Gujarat has focused more on AAP than the Congress. The BJP has raised the issue of HawalaGate and LiquorGate against AAP. Both stories were, incidentally, broken by this paper. The party is trying to defend its urban strongholds against AAP's attempts to poach its voters. Therefore, the timing of the Municipal Corporation of Delhi elections is seen as the BJP's attempt to draw the AAP leadership out of Gujarat. Delhi is AAP's home turf, where it enjoys enormous support. The party cannot complain about its timing as it has been demanding MCD polls for a long time. The BJP has played it smart by attempting to spread the AAP leadership thin. Gujarat elections are scheduled on December 1 and 5, and the MCD polls are on December 4.

No Monkey Business

TEEN BANDAR BEHIND BHARAT JODO YATRA'S VISUAL BLITZ

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's Bharat Jodo Yatra has drawn crowds and attention few expected. While the Gandhi scion is still in the south, videos of his padayatra with thousands thronging along the roads have gone viral across the country and abroad. Video clips of Gandhi hugging the elderly, picking up children in his lap, receiving handmade gifts from the poor, and addressing fisherfolks and farmers have been widely shared. Then there are the professionally produced drone shots of the milling crowds and Rahul's march with adrenalin-pumping background scores. Behind this high-voltage coverage of the padayatra is a marketing and communications company called Teen Bandar. Sources said that the publicity strategy for the padayatra was crafted by Teen Bandar, a company run by two persons — Prashant Chari and Savio Joseph. Rahul's morning sprint with children and Kommu dance with Telangana tribals were ideas reportedly conceived by the company. Congress leaders say that thanks to Teen Bandar, there has been no dull day since the yatra began. Hiring Teen Bandar has been a Bandarful idea for the Congress.

Health will be core topic at COP27: WHO

KAVITA BAJELI-DATT @ New Delhi

ON the eve of the pivotal climate talks at the United Nations Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP27), the World Health Organisation (WHO) has issued a grim reminder that the climate crisis continues to make people sick, jeopardises lives and that health must be at the core of these critical negotiations. Noting that the conference, which is being held at Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt from Nov 6 to 18, must conclude with progress on the four key goals — mitigation, adaptation, financing and collaboration. WHO said that it's a crucial opportunity for the world to come together and re-commit to keeping the 1.5°C Paris Agreement goal alive.

"The increasing destructiveness of extreme weather events affects poor and marginalised communities," said Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, WHO Director-General, adding, "It is crucial that leaders and decision makers come together at COP27 to put health at the heart of the negotiations." The United Nations Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP27), which will be attended by about 100 heads of state and government, will be discussing key issues like urgently reducing greenhouse gas emissions, building resilience and adapting to the inevitable impacts of climate change, to delivering on the commitments to finance climate action in developing countries.

"Our focus will be placing the health threat from the climate crisis and the huge health gains that would come from stronger climate action, at the centre of discussions," according to a statement. "Our health depends on the health of the ecosystems that surround us, and they are now under threat from deforestation, agriculture and other changes in land use. Encroachment into animal habitats is increasing viruses harmful to humans," it said.

Between 2030 and 2050, climate change is expected to cause approximately 250,000 additional deaths per year from malnutrition, malaria, diarrhoea and heat stress. The direct damage costs to health (i.e., excluding costs in health-determining sectors such as agriculture and water and sanitation), is estimated to be between US$ 2-4 billion per year by 2030, it added. WHO said there has also been encouraging progress on commitments to decarbonisation and called for the creation of a fossil fuel non-proliferation treaty that would see coal and other fossil fuels harmful to the atmosphere phased out in a just and equitable way.

"There are proven interventions able to reduce emissions of short-lived climate pollutants, for instance applying higher standards for vehicle emissions, which have been calculated to save 2.4 million lives per year, through improved air quality and reduce global warming by about 0.5 °C by 2050," the WHO said.

Key issues to be discussed at COP27

The conference will be held at Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt from Nov 6 to 18. It will be attended by about 100 heads of state and government. Key issues are:

- Reducing greenhouse gas emissions
- Building resilience and adapting to the inevitable impacts of climate change
- Deliver on the commitments to finance climate action in developing countries
- Promote climate change mitigation policies
- Investment in clean energy
- Applying higher standards for vehicle emissions

Increasing destructiveness of extreme weather events affects poor and marginalised communities. It is crucial that leaders a come together at COP27 to put health at the heart of the negotiations

Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, WHO Director-General

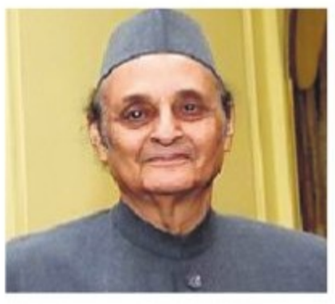
But for my father, J&K would have gone to Pak: Karan Singh

PREETHA NAIR @ New Delhi

AFTER a war of words broke out between senior Congress leaders Jairam Ramesh and **Dr Karan Singh** over the latter's opinion piece on the accession of Jammu and Kashmir, the erstwhile royal of J&K said that the state would have gone to Pakistan had it not been for his father Maharaja Hari Singh.

Speaking to this newspaper, former Union minister slammed party spokesperson Jairam Ramesh saying that his remarks about Maharaja Hari Singh were uncalled for. "Jairam has no business going around badmouthing my father. Had it not been for my father, the state would have gone to Pakistan. Hope everyone realizes that. Maharaja's birth date was made a public holiday due to public pressure. That shows how much he was loved by the people of the state. So many books have been written about Hari Singh," said Singh.

Singh was referring to Ramesh's remarks that "there's not a single, scholarly and serious work on Jammu and Kashmir that portrays Maharaja Hari Singh in good light." Ramesh had criticised Singh for not defending the country's first PM Jawaharlal Nehru in his opinion column on the circumstances that led to the accession of J&K. Singh's column was in response to Union minister Kiran Rijiju's article



"Five Nehruvian Blunders on Kashmir", which severely attacked Nehru. Rijiju had also claimed that though Maharaja Hari Singh wanted to accede to India much before Independence, Nehru dithered on the plans. Singh said that he wrote the article in defense of his father, as there is no historical evidence that Hari Singh wanted to join India earlier.

He also cited Maharaja Hari Singh's letter to Lord Mountbatten on October 26, 1947, on the day he signed the instrument of accession. "Rijiju claimed that my father wanted to join India before 1947, but Nehru didn't accept. He was attacking both my father and Nehru. So I made it clear that it's a distortion of facts. I have quoted my father's letter to Lord Mountbatten. If Hari Singh wanted to join earlier, he would have written it in the letter. He had no such intention," said Singh. "It is possible that the then deputy PM of Jammu and Kashmir, Ram Lal Batra, may have spoken informally to someone in Delhi. That's the only explanation I can give on this," added Singh.

Taking exception to Ramesh's barbs that Karan Singh has sidestepped Rijiju's hit job on Nehru, Singh said that the spokesperson was trying to imply that he was against Nehru, whom he considers a mentor and guru.

INDIA AT TRAVEL MART

India is participating in the three-day World Travel Mart starting Monday in London to showcase itself as a preferred destination for tourism, the government has said

400 VETERANS PARTICIPATE IN RALLY BY ARMY'S 17 MOUNTAIN DIVISION IN SIKKIM

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	35	21	Mumbai	35	23
Bhopal	33	17	Panaji	32	24
Jaipur	34	18	Patna	32	19
Amritsar	33	16	Lucknow	33	19
Chennai	27	25	Port Blair	31	24
Kolkata	33	23	Imphal	29	14
Srinagar	19	05	Chandigarh	33	16

PM kicks off poll campaign, with 'I've made this Gujarat'

Says the party's victory will be bigger this time and tells state BJP he is ready to devote as much time as possible to ensure it

DILIP SINGH KSHATRIYA
@ Ahmedabad

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday launched a new Gujarati slogan for the poll-bound state: *Aa Gujarat mai banavyu che* (I have made this Gujarat), saying in the next month's polls, Gujarat will purge itself of divisive forces that have spread hatred in over two decades.

The state will vote in two phases on December 1 and 5 and the counting is due December 8. Addressing his first election rally in his home state at Kaprada of Valsad district after the announcement of poll dates, Modi prompted the people to chant the new slogan several times during his half-an-hour speech.

Hitting out at the Opposition, Modi said due to the divisive politics of Congress, the poor and backwards could never get their basic needs.

"The divisive forces that have indulged in spreading hatred, those who have tried to defame and insult Gujarat have been repeatedly isolated. In this election too, they will meet the same fate," said Modi.

Without taking any names, Modi said the people of Gujarat have identified a "gang" working against Gujarat, which always tries to defame the state. He added that though such people have been trying hard for the last two decades, the people of Gujarat never believed them.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi waves at supporters during a public meeting at Kaprada in Valsad district on Sunday | PTI

"Those who try to defame Gujarat are surprised why people of Gujarat have not believed their false propaganda. This is because the people of this state have built Gujarat with hard work and they will never allow someone to harm the state," said Modi.

The PM said the BJP's victory in the polls would be bigger this time. "Sitting in Delhi, I am getting inputs that BJP will win Gujarat with a record margin this time. I have come here to beat my past records. I have told Gujarat BJP that I am ready to give as much time as possible to you (for campaigning)," said Modi, who served as the chief minister of the state before becoming the prime minister in 2014.

Modi also highlighted how the tribal communities of the area have reaped the benefits from the development that has taken place in Gujarat.

"For me, 'A' stands for Adivasi...(tribals). It is a fortunate moment for me that my first election meeting is starting with the blessings of my tribal brothers and sisters," said Modi.

"A big change has taken place in the tribal society. My tribal brothers and sisters are speaking with all their might that this Gujarat is 'Garvi Gujarat'. You may remember what the condition of electricity and water was years back. People were forced to eat before 6 pm, but today, power supply is maintained for 24 hours," he said. "The entire tribal belt stretching from Umargam in south Gujarat to Ambaji in the north now has five medical colleges," he said.

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Narendra Modi, PM

Addressing the youth and first-time voters, the PM said they should make use of the various opportunities that have come up in the state.

In the 2017 elections, the BJP had won 99 seats out of the total 182 while the Congress bagged 77.

The BJP's peak performance in Gujarat came in the December 2002 elections under Modi when the party had bagged 127 seats.

Most Tibetans stay away from voter list in Dalai Lama's Mcleodganj

HARPREET BAJWA @ Mcleodganj

DHARAMSALA'S picturesque Mcleodganj in Kangra district is associated with the Tibetan spiritual leader the Dalai Lama and the Tibetan government-in-exile. However, the town has only 720 Tibetans who are eligible to vote in the assembly polls.

Most of the more than 9,000 Tibetans living in the Dharamsala constituency are eligible to vote. However, they have not registered themselves amid a fear that it could affect their refugee status.

"Tibetans can be registered voters. Those born in India between January 26, 1950, and July 1, 1987, were eligible to be registered as voters. Tibetans born in India between July 1, 1987, and December 2, 2004, with one of their parents being an Indian citizen were also eligible. Thus as of date, 720 Tibetans are registered as voters," said Kangra Deputy Commissioner Nipun Jindal. A majority of eligible Tibetans will vote in Mcleodganj.

Talking with this newspaper, Thinley Jampa, general secretary of the Indo-Tibetan Friendship Association, said the main issue is the living condition of the community: Most Tibetans live in 218 houses. The land on which these houses were built belonged to the state forest department, which acquired it in 2010. "We want government gives this land on lease back to us," said Thinley Jampa.

"Our youngsters are going abroad due to lack of job opportunities," he said. On the political front, he is cautious. "We could be targeted and discriminated against if we support a party," says Jampa.

Thousands of tourists visited Mcleodganj annually. Bad roads and poor civic amenities have not only affected the locals but have kept the tourists away. Sanjeev Gandhi, general secretary of the Hotel and Restaurant Association of Dharamsala, complains about the lack of government support. "We want that tourism to be declared as an industry. The tourism sector has suffered an 81% dip," said Gandhi.

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National Conference preparing for polls

With an eye on first-ever Assembly polls in Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory, National Conference has announced constituency incharge for the Assembly seats in Kashmir. The constituency incharges appear to be party candidates for the Assembly polls, which is likely to be held in April-May next year. The most significant inclusion in the list is that of Salman Sagar, who is son of party general Secretary Ali Mohammad Sagar. Both father and son have been made constituency incharge for two seats in Srinagar – Salman Sagar (Hazratbal seat) and Ali Mohammad Sagar (Khanyar seat).

Israeli diplomat visits Jammu farms

Agriculture Attache MASHAV at Israel's embassy in India, Yair Eshel visited Jammu and Kashmir recently and visited three farms in Jammu region. He met J&K's Additional Chief Secretary (ACS) Agriculture Production Department, Atal Dulloo and briefed him about the Indo-Israel Agriculture Project (IIAP) of establishing proposed Centers of Excellence (CoE) in J&K. Each CoE will be comprising nursery management, best practices cultivation techniques, irrigation, and fertigation. On his visit to three farms in Jammu, Eshel said the region has potential to produce vegetables and fruits by using modern technology.

Young researchers gather at KU

Researchers from various academic institutions of the state and elsewhere in the country have gathered at University of Kashmir for hands-on training and sensitisation on state-of-the-art scientific equipment. The week-long training programme is being organised by Department of Chemistry in collaboration with Sophisticated Analytical Instrumentation Facility, Punjab University, under the aegis of a DST-sponsored 'Synergistic Training Programme Utilizing the Scientific and Technological Infrastructure'. The theme of the programme is, "Insights and Hands-On Training Programme on Analytical Techniques in Chemical, Physical and Biological Sciences".

HP MANIFESTO

BJP promises uniform civil code, 33% job quota to women

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

THE BJP on Sunday promised the implementation of the uniform civil code in Himachal Pradesh, saying a committee would be constituted to work out the modalities, in the manifesto it released on Sunday. It also promised a survey to prevent illegal use of Wakf board properties in state.

The manifesto that had a sprinkling of Hindutva, development and welfare measures was released by party president J P Nadda in Shimla.

Apparently aiming to address its female voters, the manifesto also promised 33% reservation for women in government jobs, bicycle for school-going girls and three free LPG cylinders for poor women. These were among the 11 promises it made to women, under the title, *Stree Shakti Sankalp*. Construction of two hostels in every district for girls pursuing higher education was also part of the basket of assurances. To draw farmers, it promised to provide them ₹3,000 per year in addition to the ₹6,000 being credited to their accounts annually by the Centre.

Further, the manifesto promised 8 lakh jobs in a phased manner. It also promised starting a tourist circuit called *Him Teerath* connecting all important temples and Shakti Peeths by starting 45 special busses from New Delhi, Jaipur, Chandigarh, Meerut and Mathura.

Besides, all villages would be connected with all-weather metalled roads at a cost of ₹5,000 crore, it said, adding ₹12,000 crore would be spent on strengthening infrastructure and transportation. It also promised to establish five new medical colleges in the state.

EXPRESS READ

Jolt to PDP as former minister quits party

Srinagar: Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) of Mehbooba Mufti has suffered yet another jolt as senior leader and former minister Abdul Haq Khan announced his decision to quit the party. "From today onwards, I have no association with my previous political party, PDP," said 69-year-old Haq. Khan, a former Jammu and Kashmir minister, was elected MLA from the Lolab constituency in the border district of Kupwara in 2008 and 2014 on PDP ticket.

Gehlot outreach: 1.35 crore women to get smartphones

RAJESH ASNANI @ Jaipur

AMID the ongoing debate on 'rewari' culture or freebies, the Rajasthan government is set to give 1.35 crore smartphones free of cost to women in the state on the fourth anniversary of the Ashok Gehlot government on December 17.

The mobiles will be distributed to women heads of the family who are a part of the health scheme called Chiranjeevi Yojna. Backcover, charger, and data transfer cable with the Gehlot government logo will be provided with the phone. The special feature is that only the SIM activated by the government will work on the free smartphones.

The free smartphones will cost the state ₹12,000 crore in three years. The government claims the scheme aims to empower women, but critics see this as a move to reach out to women voters ahead of the assembly polls due next year.

The beneficiaries will get free internet connectivity for three years. The price of each mobile is said to be about ₹9,500 and the state government has set aside ₹12,000 crore for the scheme.

State government has trained Digital Sakhis

Principal Secretary Akhil Arora said the government has trained four women from self-help groups – known as Digital Sakhis — in every village to teach most beneficiaries how to use smartphones. The handsets will be from Jio, Samsung, and Nokia, and free 4 GB data will be available on the phones up to 20 GB every month. In addition, 50 free SMSes daily and free calling facilities will also be available, officials said

Sources say if the state government gets the smartphone consignment on time, the beneficiaries would start getting them from this month-end. Under the Chiranjeevi Yojana, the government is providing a health insurance facility of ₹10 lakh per family for which it is necessary to have an Aadhaar card to be linked to a mobile number.

The smartphones will be distributed in special camps where Airtel, Jio, and BSNL officials will activate the SIM cards.

Government officials said three companies were chosen to supply the smartphones because one company alone could meet the required demand. The handsets will be from Jio, Samsung, and Nokia, and free 4 GB data will be available on the phones up to 20 GB every month. In addition, 50 free SMSes daily and free calling facilities will also be available, officials said.

Under the scheme, Jan Soochna, E-Mitra, E-Dharti, and Raj Sampark apps have been developed and will be installed on smartphones.

Principal Secretary Akhil Arora said the government has trained four women from self-help groups – known as Digital Sakhis — in every village to teach most beneficiaries how to use smartphones.

The government will also put up wallpapers on these phones giving details of its plans which the mobile holders will not be able to change.

Also, the apps that will be installed by the government cannot be deleted. The government will also send wallpapers of its schemes and a special app will be installed for every issue related to women.

49 days after arrival, 2 Cheetahs shifted to big enclosure at Kuno

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bhopal

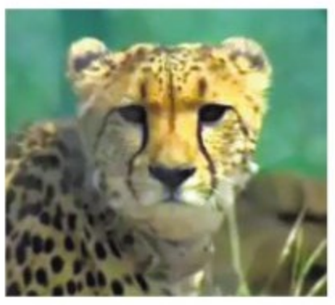
TWO of the eight Cheetahs flown from India to Namibia on Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 72nd birthday have been shifted to a bigger enclosure at the Kuno National Park (KNP) in Madhya Pradesh.

The two Cheetahs were shifted to a larger enclosure at the KNP in Sheopur district on Saturday evening, following the nod from the Special Task Force constituted by the centre in September to monitor the Cheetah reintroduction project.

But as per sources close to the MP forest minister Kunwar Vijay Shah, the minister isn't happy over not being taken into confidence before the two Cheetahs Freddie — and Elton — were released into a bigger enclosure on Saturday evening.

Since being flown from Africa to India on September 17 early morning, the eight Cheetahs (five females and three males) were housed in smaller bomas (enclosures) for the mandatory quarantine period.

They were to be shifted to bigger enclosure after a month only for better acclimatization



with the new environment and gradually start with hunting of prey base. But with the Cheetah Conservation Fund (CCF) Namibia wanting some more arrangements, the shifting was delayed by around 15 days.

While two Cheetahs have been shifted to the bigger enclosure on Saturday evening, the remaining six big cats will be shifted from the smaller bomas, after a female leopard recently spotted in one of the bigger enclosures is successfully captured by the KNP management.

After two to three months in the bigger enclosures, the Cheetahs brought from Namibia are likely to be released in the wild at the KNP.

For now, FATF relief for Pakistan may not impact Jammu & Kashmir

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

SECURITY experts have said Pakistan's removal from grey exit by the Financial Action Task Force (FATF), a global money laundering and terrorism financing watchdog, would not have any immediate negative impact on security situation in Jammu and Kashmir but warned that it may have long-term impact.

Former Northern command chief Lt Gen (Retd) Deependra Singh Hooda told this newspaper that he does not think it (removal of Pakistan from grey list) will have any impact on J&K situation.

"Pakistan has been removed from the grey list after four years after a lot of efforts and I am not sure that they are going to start anything. Look at their political situation... there is instability, the economic situation is poor and they have problems on the Afghan border with the TTP," he said.

Lt Gen Hooda said he does not see any immediate negative impact on the J&K situation. "It depends on what the shape of new military and political leadership in Pakistan is."

He said there may be some odd terrorist attack but not consistent kind of upping the ante. "I don't see a sudden surge or spike in violence in J&K".

At present the border ceasefire is holding between the two countries and both Line of Control (LoC) and International Border (IB) in J&K are quiet and calm and border residents are heaping dividends of peace. They have resumed farming near the IB and LoC.

According to the central government, the militancy violence in J&K has dropped and infiltration has also come down post Article 370 revocation.

Lt Gen (Retd) Syed Atta Hasnain, former GoC of Srinagar-based Army's 15 Corps, said there will be no short term impact of Pakistan's removal from FATF on J&K's situation.

"However, there can be a long term impact," he said.

In 2021, 20 foreign militants were among 182 militants killed in J&K. This year, 40 foreign militants have been killed in different encounters with security forces in J&K so far.

Former J&K police chief S P Vaid said he does not think removal of Pak from the grey list will have any impact on J&K situation.

"Although Pakistan has been removed from the grey list, their activities will be monitored by the international watchdog. If they do something, they will again be put on a grey list," he said. He, however, said much depends on their intention. "And there is no change in their intentions."

Ahead of closure of infiltration routes by snow, Indian army has strengthened the anti-infiltration grid at the LoC and put troops on high alert to toil any infiltration attempt from militants.

The troops have foiled three infiltration attempts in the last 10 days – two in Kashmir and another in Poonch — and killed three infiltrators.

Worrying sign: C'garh Maoists go after 'soft targets', kill 29 villagers this year

EJAZ KAISER @ Raipur

THIS year, particularly the summer, was relatively peaceful in the conflict zone of Bastar, perhaps for the first time in several years. However, the outlawed CPI (Maoist), apparently pushed on the back foot by security forces is now retaliating by turning to soft targets to register their presence.

In 10 months this year, the Maoists have killed 29 villagers, most of them put to death in their jan-adalat (kangaroo court), which they had organised in different districts of Bastar. During the same duration, eight security personnel died in the clash with the rebels.

The local civilians continue to face the brutalities of the left-wing extremists as soft targets who are punished in full public view after levelling allegations of being police informer or supporter.

Attacking soft targets like unarmed villagers, local public representatives and public properties are the age-old modus operandi of the banned Maoist outfits.

"In Bastar Range, though civilian killings have reduced to a great extent from 279 in the year 2006 to 29 in 2022, it is still an area of major concern in left-wing extremist affected areas. The Maoists are grossly mistaken that such killings would deter other villagers who have realised the malicious face and hollow ideology of the banned organisation," Sundarraj P, inspector general of police (Bastar Range) told this newspaper.

We are committed to wipe out the Maoist activities, ensure peace and development in the region, the IG added.

Killed in kangaroo court

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According to the guerrilla warfare experts, such violent killings of the innocent villagers might not get approval from top leadership of Maoists who rely on the mass support for their movement.

"The soft targets cannot retaliate. Maoist cadres surrendering, getting caught or killed frustrate them, so they look for soft options. Even the IEDs are the easiest weapon for them to inflict damage," said Brigadier (rtd) B K Ponwar, Director of Kanker-based Counter Terrorism and Jungle Warfare College. The Maoists targeting civilians is indicative of the fact that the rebels are upset with the forces dominating the region with the support of the local population.

"The barbaric act of naxals is an attempt to unleash terror among the people", stated the Bastar police.

The Maoists with presence in the seven districts of Bastar zone in south Chhattisgarh are waging a virtual war against the security forces and the state for over three decades.

NINE
in shelling of facility housing families displaced by the country's conflict in the Syrian northwest

GLOBAL WEATHER

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Houston	25	17	SNY	Singapore	29	25	TDS
Istanbul	20	12	LC	Toronto	10	9	LC
London	17	12	LC	Washington	20	15	LC

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TANZANIA MOURNS 19 CRASH VICTIMS

AUTHORITIES PROBING IF THE 48-SEATER JET WAS CARRYING MORE PEOPLE THAN IT HAD DISCLOSED

NAIROBI

Rescuers bring ashore the debris of the crashed Precision Air jet | AFP

THE death toll from Sunday's plane crash in Lake Victoria in Tanzania has jumped to 19, Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa said, after the Precision Air flight with dozens of passengers aboard plunged into water while approaching the northwestern city of Bukoba.

"All Tanzanians are with you in mourning the 19 people who lost lives during this accident," Majaliwa told a crowd after arriving at Bukoba airport, where the flight had been scheduled to land from financial capital Dar es Salaam. Regional authorities and the airline earlier said that 26 survivours out of the 43 people on board flight PW 494 had been pulled to safety and taken to hospital in the lakeside city in Kagera region.

It was not immediately clear if the 19 victims included rescuers who drowned or whether the 48-seater aircraft had more people on board than previously disclosed, a regional official said. "We are continuing to investigate, there is a possibility that two people were not onboard but died during the rescue effort," said Kagera regional commissioner Albert Chalamila. Precision Air, a publicly-listed company which is Tanzania's largest private airline, said it had dispatched rescuers to the scene. "An investigation team consisting of Precision Air technical staff and TAA (Tanzania Airports Authority) has also departed to join the rescue team on the ground," the airline said. "Precision Air sincerely understands the anxiety for confirmed information and will therefore do its best to issue more details," the company said. President Samia Suluhu Hassan expressed her condolences to those affected by the accident. "Let's continue to be calm while the rescue operation continues as we pray to God to help us," she said on Twitter.

The African Union Commission chair Moussa Faki Mahamat also shared his condolences, as did the secretary general of the regional East African Community bloc, Peter Mathuki. "Our hearts and prayers go to the families of passengers on-board a plane that crashed into Lake Victoria, with our full solidarity to the Government & people of #Tanzania," Faki wrote on Twitter. "The East African Community joins and sends our condolences to Mama Samia Suluhu Hassan, families and friends of all those who were affected by the Precision Air plane accident," Mathuki said.

Biden, Obama, Trump target Philly in midterm

PHILADELPHIA

US President Joe Biden and former US President Barack Obama take part in a campaign event in Philadelphia on Saturday night | AFP

U.S. PRESIDENT Joe Biden, Democratic superstar Barack Obama and Republican firebrand Donald Trump all converged Saturday on Pennsylvania to push their parties to the finishing line in a race Biden said marks a "defining" moment for US democracy.

Polls put Republicans well ahead in the fight for the House of Representatives and also show them gaining momentum in the Senate races as voters, riled up by culture wars around gay rights and abortion, seek to take out frustration over four-decades-high inflation and rising illegal immigration.

With Pennsylvania one of the handful of swing states that will decide the overall balance of power, both sides brought out their big guns—and the contrasts were dramatic. Biden and Obama rallied in Philadelphia alongside Senate hopeful John Fetterman and governor candidate Josh Shapiro.

Trump flew to Latrobe to boost Fetterman's opponent, TV celebrity doctor Mehmet Oz, and Shapiro's far-right opponent Doug Mastriano.

Biden and the Democratic candidates labeled the Republicans as the party of the wealthy and emphasized their support for trade unions, social security and abortion access. Voters face "a choice between two vastly different visions of America," Biden said. But citing Trump Republicans' growing support for conspiracy theories, Biden said an even bigger agenda is at stake. "Democracy is literally on the ballot. This is a defining moment for the nation and we all, we all must speak with one voice," Biden said.

In a rambling speech, Trump claimed the country is run by "communists" and repeatedly said that his attempts to overturn the 2020 election were justified, before urging Republicans to deliver "a humiliating rebuke."

Obama got the loudest cheers of the night in Philadelphia, repeatedly urging supporters to make sure they vote. AFP

EXPRESS READ

5 killed as dacoits attack Pak police

Karachi: At least five policemen, including an officer of the Deputy Superintendent rank, were killed and several other personnel taken hostage when over 150 dacoits attacked a police camp in Sindh province, a media report said on Sunday. The incident happened on Saturday when the robbers attacked the police camp situated in Ghotki district of Sindh province, *Geo News* reported. Attacks on police stations and defence outposts are common in Pakistan.

Twitter subscription service in India within a month

SAN FRANCISCO

TWITTER began rolling out a controversial new paid subscription system on Saturday that the social network's unpredictable new owner, billionaire Elon Musk, ordered staff to build after taking over last week.

The chargeable blue tick verification service is now available in the US, Canada, Australia and New Zealand. Musk said it hopes to launch it in India in "less than a month".

Earlier this month, Musk had announced that verification blue tick in front of a user's name that authenticates an account will be charged $8 per month. Twitter's strategy to introduce a monthly charge for the verified badge has polarised users globally.

Musk, the CEO of electric car maker Tesla Inc, completed his $44-billion takeover of Twitter in October-end, placing the world's richest man at the helm of one of the most influential social media apps in the world. He also fired the social media company's four top executives, including CEO Parag Agrawal and legal executive Vijaya Gadde. Twitter then proceeded to fire majority of its over 200 employees in India as part of mass layoffs across the globe, ordered by Musk who is looking to make the blockbuster acquisition work. Musk has now said that Twitter Blue rollout can be expected in India within a month, clearing the air around when the chargeable service will be available in this key market. "Hopefully, less than a month," Musk tweeted in response to a Twitter user's query on when the service is expected to be launched in India. "Power to the people! Blue for $8/month," Musk had tweeted on November 1, and added that the price is adjusted by country proportionate to purchasing power parity. Musk had said the monthly payments from users for the blue tick will also give Twitter a revenue stream to reward content creators. PTI

Imran Khan to resume his march from attack spot on Tuesday

LAHORE

IMRAN Khan on Sunday announced that his party will resume the march to Islamabad from the same spot where he was shot in the leg during a rally in Punjab province, saying he prefers "death instead of living the life of a slave".

The 70-year-old former prime minister and Chairman of the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party, who underwent surgery for bullet injuries on Thursday was addressing a press conference from the Shaukat Khanum Hospital owned by his charitable organisation.

"We have decided that our march will resume on Tuesday from the same [point] in Wazirabad where I and 11 others were shot, and where Moazzam was martyred," Khan said. PTI worker Moazzam Gondal died due to bullet injuries during the attack on Khan. The rally was suspended after the attack.

Khan suffered bullet injuries in the right leg when two gunmen fired a volley of bullets at him and others mounting on a container-mounted truck in the Wazirabad area, where he was leading the march. "I will address the march from here (in Lahore), and our march, within the next 10 to 14 days, depending on the speed, will reach Rawalpindi," Khan said.

A day after the attack on him, Khan alleged that three people—Prime Minister Shehbaz, Interior Minister Rana Sanaullah and Major General Faisal Naseer—were behind the botched assassination attempt on his life. The Army has rejected Khan's allegations as "baseless and irresponsible".

Questioning whether "some people" are above the law, the PTI chairman said, "I am facing problems in getting an FIR registered on the firing incident on my container. No Punjab police officer is ready to register an FIR on my complaint. If I, being a former prime minister of Pakistan, cannot get a case registered related to the attack on me, then think what will happen to the common man."

"I want a transparent investigation into the matter. There was a pattern in the attack on me. First, they labelled me a blasphemer and then tried to eliminate me like that of slain Punjab governor Salman Taseer.

"The confessional statement of the suspect was recorded and released (to the media) to cover up the crime. Inspector General Police of Punjab lied that the video record of the suspect was hacked. In fact, they (police officers) are afraid to register FIR as they have orders from them (military establishment)," Khan alleged.

No Punjab police officer is ready to register an FIR on my complaint. If I, being a former prime minister of Pakistan, cannot get a case registered related to the attack on me, then think what will happen to the common man

Imran Khan

Prime Minister Shehbaz in a press conference in Lahore on Saturday said that Khan's party PTI is in power in the Punjab province and the provincial government should tell why the FIR of the assassination attempt has not been registered so far.

Khan also demanded constitution of a judicial commission to investigate the attack on him, the murder of senior journalist Arshad Sharif, the torture and circulation of obscene video of PTI Senator Azam Swati and the cypher controversy (about toppling of the PTI government at the behest of the US). PTI

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APPENDIX IV [Rule 8(1)]
POSSESSION NOTICE (For immovable property)

Whereas the undersigned being the authorised officer of the **IDFC First Bank Limited (erstwhile Capital First Home Finance Limited and amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited)** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated **20.04.2021** calling upon the borrower, co-borrowers and guarantors **1. Ajay Agarwal, 2. Neha Agarwal,** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.28,00,245.69/-(Rupees Twenty Eight Lakhs Two Hundred Forty Five And Paise Sixty Nine Only)** as on **12.04.2021** within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Symbolic Possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub – section (4) of section 13 of Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this **04th day of November 2022**.

The borrowers in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **IDFC First Bank Limited (erstwhile Capital First Home Finance Limited and amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited)** for an amount of **Rs.28,00,245.69/-(Rupees Twenty Eight Lakhs Two Hundred Forty Five And Paise Sixty Nine Only)** and interest thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub – section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES.

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Date : 04-11-2022
Place : Bangalore.
Loan Account No. : 1025383.

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RE-TENDER-CUM-AUCTION SALE NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT 2002

The following property/ies mortgaged to **City Union Bank Limited** will be sold in Re-Tender-cum-Public Auction by the Authorised Officer of the Bank, under Rule 8 (6) & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, under the SARFAESI Act 2002, for recovery of a sum of **Rs.7,11,700/- (Rupees Seven Lakh Eleven Thousand and Seven Hundred only)** as on **01-11-2022** together with further interest to be charged from **02-11-2022** onwards and other expenses, any other dues to the Bank by the borrowers / guarantors **No.1) Mrs. Stellameri, W/o. Mr. Jhon Ambu, at No.229/1, By-Pass Road, Kanchaghatta, Tiptur, Tumkur - 572201. No.2) Mr. Joseph, S/o. Mr. Jhon, at No.229/1, By-pass Road, Kanchaghatta, Tiptur, Tumkur - 572201. No.3) Mr. Jan Ambu, S/o. Mr. Selvaraj, at No. 229/1, By-Pass Road, Kanchaghatta, Tiptur, Tumkur - 572201.**

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RE-AUCTION DETAILS

Date of Re-Tender-cum-Auction Sale	Venue
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Terms and Conditions of Re-Tender-cum-Auction Sale :
(1) The intending bidders should be present in person for the auction and participate personally and give a declaration in writing to the effect that he/she is bidding for himself / herself. **(2)** The intending bidders may obtain the Tender Forms from **The Manager, City Union Bank Limited, Tiptur Branch, Ramamandir Road (Opp. Prabath Coffee Depot), Tiptur, Tumkur, Karnataka - 572201. (3)** The intending bidders should submit their bids only in the Tender Form prescribed in sealed envelopes addressed to **The Authorised Officer, City Union Bank Ltd.**, together with a Pay Order / Demand Draft for an EMD of **10%** of the Reserve Price, drawn in favour of **"City Union Bank Ltd.", on or before 12.00 Noon** on the date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale hereby notified. **(4)** For inspection of the property and other particulars, the intending purchaser may contact **Telephone No.08134-250282 Cell No.9343220166. (5)** The property/ies are sold on "As-is-where-is", "As-is-what-is" and "whatever-there is" basis. **(6)** The sealed tenders will be opened in the presence of the intending bidders at **01.00 p.m.** on the date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale hereby notified. Though in general the sale will be by way of closed tenders, the Authorised Officer may, at his sole discretion, conduct an Open Auction among the interested bidders who desire to quote a bid higher than the one received in the closed tender process, and in such an event, the sale shall be conferred on the person making highest bid. The sale, however, is subject to confirmation of City Union Bank Limited. **(7)** The successful bidder shall have to pay **25% (inclusive of EMD paid)** of the sale amount **immediately** on completion of sale and the balance amount of **75%** within **15 days** from the date of confirmation of sale, failing which the initial deposit of **25%** shall be forfeited. **(8)** The Sale Certificate will be issued by the Authorised Officer in favour of the successful purchaser only after receipt of the entire sale consideration within the time limit stipulated herein. **(9)** The successful purchaser shall bear the charges/fees payable for conveyance, such as stamp duty, registration fee etc., as applicable under law. **(10)** The successful bidder should pay the statutory dues (lawful house tax, electricity charges and other dues), TDS, GST if any, due to Government, Government Undertaking and local bodies. **(11)** The Authorised Officer shall have all the powers to Accept or reject the bids or postpone or cancel the sale without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Place : Kumbakonam, Date : 05-11-2022 Authorised Officer

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CORRIGENDUM

We refer to our advertisement dated 31/10/2022 in the Indian Express, Kannada Prabha, and the Daily Salaar regarding the sale of immovable property situated at Jaraganahalli village, Uttara hobli, Bangalore South taluk, Bangalore-78. In the advertisement, the area of the scheduled property has been erroneously mentioned as 2049.06 sq. feet instead of 2268 sq. feet. Please read the area of the scheduled property as 2268 sqfeet. All other terms and conditions remains same.

Interested buyers can inspect the scheduled property on working days during the office hours.

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Invitation for Bids for the supply of Blend of Critical processed materials and ICDS Food Supplement (Sathu Mavu)
Roc.9797/NC1(2)/2022 Date:07.11.2022

For and on behalf of the Governor of Tamilnadu sealed bids are invited from eligible bidders by the Director cum Mission Director, Integrated Child Development Services Scheme, No.1 Dr.M.G.R Salai, Tharamani, Chennai-600 113 for supply of following goods.

Item	Date of Commencement of Sale of Bid Document	Last Date and time of Sale of Bid Document	Last Date and time for receipt of sealed Bids	Date and time for Opening of sealed Bids	Approximate tender value for 2 years	EMD Amount	Cost of Tender document
Blend of Critical processed materials	07.11.2022	08.12.2022 11.00 A.M	08.12.2022 11.30 A.M	08.12.2022 12.00 Noon	Rs. 347 Crore	Rs. 3.00 Crore	Rs. 24780/- (By Hand) or Rs. 24980/- (By Post)
ICDS Food Supplement (Sathu Mavu)	07.11.2022	08.12.2022 11.00 A.M	08.12.2022 11.30 A.M	08.12.2022 12.30 P.M	Rs. 799 Crore	Rs. 7.50 Crore	Rs. 24780/- (By Hand) or Rs. 24980/- (By Post)

The Tender Documents and other details can be obtained from the above address. The document can also be downloaded free of cost from **www.tenders.tn.gov.in**.
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FORM NO. NCLT. 3A
Advertisement detailing petition
Company Petition No. **CP / 114 (BEN) / 2022**
NOTICE OF PETITION

A petition under section 61(1)(b) of the Companies Act, 2013, for confirming the consolidation of equity share capital of Somerset Therapeutics Limited (formerly known as Wintac Limited) (**Petitioner Company**) was presented by B.P. Thyagaraj, Vice President – Finance & Secretary, Somerset Therapeutics Limited on July 25, 2022, and the said petition was fixed for hearing before Bengaluru Bench of the Hon'ble National Company Law Tribunal on October 06, 2022 and has been adjourned to November 23, 2022.

Any person desirous of supporting or opposing the said petition should send to the Petitioner Company's advocate, notice of his / her intention, signed by him / her or his / her advocate, with his / her name and address, so as to reach the Petitioner Company's advocate not later than two days before the date fixed for the next date of hearing of the petition, being November 23, 2022. Where he / she seeks to oppose the petition, the grounds of opposition or a copy of his / her affidavit shall be furnished with such notice. A copy of the petition will be furnished by the undersigned to any person requiring the same on payment of the prescribed charges for the same.

Dated: November 07, 2022

Shyam Sundar, Partner,
Fox Mandal & Associates, Bengaluru.
FM House, 6/12, Primrose Road, Bangalore – 560025, Karnataka, India +91 96866 60528,
email : somerset@foxmandal.in
ADVOCATE FOR PETITIONER COMPANY

IN THE COURT OF THE VIII ADDITIONAL CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGEAT BENGALURU
O.S. 6848/2018 (CCH15)

Between: Mr. Gopal Kumar Ozha S/o Mr. Sathyanarayana, Aged about 40 years, No 14, 1 st Cross, Bmk Layout, Government Electric Factory, Chamrajpete, Bengaluru North, Bengaluru - 560026 ...Plaintiff
And:
Mr. Akshay B &Anr. ...Defendants

SUMMONS BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION TO THE DEFENDANT NO. 1

Mr. Akshay B S/o. Mr.Bhoraih, #14, 3rd Main Road, Raghavendra Block, Shrinagar, Bengaluru – 560050

Whereas the Plaintiff has filed a Suit for money recovery for claim of Rs. 17,95,000/- (Rupees Seventeen Lakhs Ninety Five Thousand only) with future interest at 18% p.a. You are hereby directed to appear before this Hon'ble Court in person or through an Advocate on 14.12.2022 at 11o clock in the forenoon before the VIIIth Addl. City Civil Judge (CCH-15), City Civil Court Complex, Bengaluru to answer as to why relief prayed for should not be grated failing which the petition will be disposed as ex-parte.

Given under my hand and seal of the court, this 03rd day of NOV 2022.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of premises bearing No. 14 located on the Ist Floor in 3rd Main Road, Raghvendra Block, Shrinagar, Bengaluru – 560050 facing towards East consisting of 3 Bedroom House (1 Bedroom with attached Bathroom), one Hall, One Kitchen, Pooja Room, Common Bathroom, Common Toilet along with water and electricity and one geezer.

By the Order of the Court
Asst.Registrar of City Civil Court
Bengaluru

Advocate for Plaintiff
M/s.Kapil Dixit & Co., No. 210-212, B-wing, 2nd floor Mittal Towers, MG Road, Bengaluru – 560001

CITY UNION BANK LIMITED
CUB TRUST AND EXCELLENCE SINCE 1904
Credit Recovery and Management Department
Administrative Office : No. 24-B, Gandhi Nagar, Kumbakonam - 612 001. E-Mail id : crmd@cityunionbank.in, Ph : 0435-2432322, Fax : 0435-2431746

RE-TENDER-CUM-AUCTION SALE NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT 2002

The following property/ies mortgaged to **City Union Bank Limited** will be sold in Re-Tender-cum-Public Auction by the Authorised Officer of the Bank, under Rule 8 (6) & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, under the SARFAESI Act, 2002, for recovery of a sum of **Rs.35,65,854/- (Rupees Thirty Five Lakh Sixty Five Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty Four only)** as on **20-09-2022** together with further interest to be charged from **21-09-2022** onwards, other expenses and any other dues to the bank by the borrowers / guarantors **No.1) M/s. Vision Resources, No.E-161, Shakthi Nagar, Behind TTK Factory, Udaya Nagar, D.V. Nagar Post, Bengaluru - 560016. No.2) Mr. R. Venkatesh, S/o. C Ranganathan, No.E-161, Shakthi Nagar, Behind TTK Factory, Udaya Nagar, D.V. Nagar Post, Bengaluru - 560016. No.3) Mrs. Lalitha Venkatesh, W/o. R Venkatesh, No.E-161, Shakthi Nagar, Behind TTK Factory, Udaya Nagar, D.V. Nagar Post, Bengaluru - 560016.**

Immovable Property Mortgaged to our Bank
(Property Owned by Mr. R. Venkatesh, S/o. C. Ranganathan)

All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing House in Site No.6/A/1B, in Katha No.17/60, situated at Benniganahalli Village, Nagavarapalya, KR Puram Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, measuring : East to West 40 + 48/2 Feet and North to South 15+30/2 feet and bounded on : East by - Nala, West by - Private Property, North by - Private Property, South by - Balarama's Property.

Reserve Price : Rs.31,00,000/-
(Rupees Thirty One Lakh only)

RE-AUCTION DETAILS

Date of Re-Tender-cum-Auction Sale	Venue
28-11-2022	**City Union Bank Limited, Bengaluru - Basavanagudi Branch,** No.194, Ground Floor, S.C.Road, Near Nettakallappa Circle, Basavanagudi, Bengaluru Urban, Karnataka - 560004. Telephone No.080-26612162, Cell No.9343879470

Terms and Conditions of Re-Tender-cum-Auction Sale :
(1) The intending bidders should be present in person for the auction and participate personally and give a declaration in writing to the effect that he/she is bidding for himself/ herself. **(2)** The intending bidders may obtain the Tender Forms from **The Manager, City Union Bank Limited, Bengaluru - Basavanagudi Branch, No.194, Ground Floor, S.C.Road, Near Nettakallappa Circle, Basavanagudi, Bengaluru Urban, Karnataka - 560004. (3)** The intending bidders should submit their bids only in the Tender Form prescribed in sealed envelopes addressed to **The Authorised Officer, City Union Bank Ltd.**, together with a Pay Order / Demand Draft for an EMD of **10%** of the Reserve Price, drawn in favour of **"City Union Bank Ltd.", on or before 12.00 Noon** on the date of Tender-cum Auction Sale hereby notified. **(4)** For inspection of the property and other particulars, the intending purchaser may contact : **Telephone No.080-26612162, Cell No.9343879470. (5)** The property/ ies are sold on "As-is-where-is", "As-is-what-is" and "whatever-there is" basis. **(6)** The sealed tenders will be opened in the presence of the intending bidders at **01.00 p.m.** on the date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale hereby notified. Though in general the sale will be by way of closed tenders, the Authorised Officer may, at his sole discretion, conduct an Open Auction among the interested bidders who desire to quote a bid higher than the one received in the closed tender process, and in such an event, the sale shall be conferred on the person making highest bid. The sale, however, is subject to confirmation of City Union Bank Limited. **(7)** The successful bidder shall have to pay **25% (inclusive of EMD paid)** of the sale amount **immediately** on completion of sale and the balance amount of **75%** within **15 days** from the date of confirmation of sale, failing which the initial deposit of **25%** shall be forfeited. **(8)** The Sale Certificate will be issued by the Authorised Officer in favour of the successful purchaser only after receipt of the entire sale consideration within the time limit stipulated herein. **(9)** The successful purchaser shall bear the charges/fees payable for conveyance, such as stamp duty, registration fee etc., as applicable under law. **(10)** The successful bidder should pay the statutory dues (lawful house tax, electricity charges and other dues), TDS, GST if any, due to Government, Government Undertaking and local bodies. **(11)** The Authorised Officer shall have all the powers to accept or reject the bids or postpone or cancel the sale without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Place : Kumbakonam, Date : 05-11-2022 Authorised Officer

Regd. Office : 149, T.S.R. (Big) Street, Kumbakonam, Thanjavur District, Tamil Nadu - 612 001, CIN - L65110TN1904PLC001287, Telephone No. 0435-2402322, Fax : 0435-2431746, Website : www.cityunionbank.com

Indian Overseas Bank
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT
CENTRAL OFFICE: 763, ANNA SALAI, CHENNAI-600002
Indian Overseas bank (IOB) invites bids for the following:

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR SETTING UP ANALYTICS CENTER OF EXCELLENCE FOR BANK (ACoE)
RFP REFERENCE NUMBER: RFP/ITD/009/22-23 DATED 03/11/2022

The RFP document for the above tender is available in bank's e-tendering website **https://iobtenders.auctiontiger.net & www.iob.in.**
For RFP details and future amendments, if any, keep referring to the following website **https://iobtenders.auctiontiger.net.**

Indian Overseas Bank
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT
CENTRAL OFFICE: 763, ANNA SALAI, CHENNAI-600002
Indian Overseas bank (IOB) invites bids for the following:

GOVERNMENT E-MARKET PORTAL – PROCUREMENT OF SSPR SOLUTION – SELF SERVICING PASSWORD RESET SOLUTION FOR ACTIVE DIRECTORY FOR THREE YEARS
GEM BID REF NO BID NO: GEM/2022/B/2693202
Dated: 01-11-2022

The Above GEM Tender document is also available and can be downloaded from the following websites **www.iob.in & www.gem.gov.in**
For Tender details and future amendments, if any, keep referring to the following website **www.gem.gov.in**

Start-ups choose to give a miss to latest IPO rush

As a dozen of firms hit the primary market, new-age technology companies are in no hurry to go public as investors remain wary of valuations

ARSHAD KHAN @New Delhi

AFTER a blip, around a dozen firms are going public. While four firms — DCX Systems, Fusion Micro Finance, Bikaji Foods and Global Health (Medanta Hospital Chain) — have launched IPO in recent times, four more initial public offerings (IPOs)—Archean Chemicals Industries, Five Star Business Finance, Kaynes Technology and Inox Green Energy Services—are hitting the markets this week.

Together, they will cumulatively raise over ₹5,000 crore.

Add to it, three more IPOs are likely to be launched by mid-November.

The big buzz in the primary market comes at a time when the secondary market is showing strength with benchmarks-Nifty and Sensex- trading in close vicinity of all-time highs.

Arijit Malakar, Head of Research - Retail, Ashika Group, says that companies are taking advantage of strong market momentum and thus coming up with their IPOs.

"Since, the beginning of 2022, the weakness in the secondary market has put a lid on the IPOs. Further, tepid performance from the last few IPOs put the investors on the sidelines," adds Malakar.

VK Vijayakumar, Chief Investment Strategist at Geojit Financial Services, also says that the outperformance of the Indian market against global peers and the fact that the Indian economy is doing well has instilled confidence in the IPO market.

IPO RUSH

Investors need to be watchful

Despite weakness in the domestic equity market for most of 2022 in the backdrop of rising interest rates, geopolitical tension, depreciating domestic currency and persistent inflation, IPOs have given healthy returns.

Adani Wilmar, Veranda Learning, Venus Pipes and Campus Active Wear have done exceedingly well, more than doubling investors' money. Nine IPOs have returned between 20% and 70%.

The big disappointment, however, has been the LIC, which had come-up with the country's biggest IPO ever. At present, the state-run insurer is trading 35% below its issue price.

"Investors can invest in IPOs selectively. There are some OFSs (Offer For Sale) where the promoters are selling part of their holding, or some initial investors are exiting. These offers, where the valuations are high, may be approached very cautiously or even avoided," said Vijayakumar.

Malakar also notes that large IPOs have failed to impress the investors through their returns and business dynamics.

"Investors should be cautious at times of investing in new IPOs during the turbulent time. As it is hard to get proper information about the group and promoters of new companies, it is better to consider those IPOs having good fundamental track record, strong brand proposition, strong management pedigree and healthy financials."

Start-ups missing from the action

In 2021, start-ups were the flavour of the market and there was a flurry of start-ups IPOs.

In 2022, however, they are in no rush as investors have turned a blind eye after Paytm, Zomato, PB Fintech and Nykaa wiped out billions of dollars from the market.

It looks like it will take time for Oyo, Ola Electric, Snapdeal, boAt and PharmEasy IPOs to hit the market.

"After the Paytm and Zomato IPO disasters, big start-ups are facing an unfavorable environment. There are no widely accepted valuation parameters for such start-ups that borrow money to survive. So, either they will have to wait longer or bring down their issue price to acceptable levels," said Vijayakumar.

Malakar said that due to lack of profitable growth, consistent cash burn and high valuation, start-ups have failed to impress the investors.

As the central governments across the world have raised the interest rates in order to tame inflation, there has been a liquidity squeeze that resulted in drying up in start-up funding.

Start-up funding in India hit a two-year low in July-September period at $ 2.7 billion when compared to $11.4 billion funding in the same period last year, as per a recent PwC India report.

IPOS BACK IN ACTION

INVESTORS GIVE A THUMBS UP

	Issue Size	Subscription Status
DCX System	₹500 Cr	69.79 times
Fusion Micro Finance	₹1104 Cr	2.95 times
Bikaji Foods	₹881 Cr	Fully subscribed By Day 2
Global Healths	₹2206 Cr	Subscribed 0.49 times by Day 2

4 IPOS TO HIT MARKET THIS WEEK

- 1,970 Five Star Business Finance
- 1,462 Archean Chemical
- 856 Kaynes Technology India
- 740 Inox Green Energy Services Ltd

Figures based on Issue Size in ₹

MORE IN THE PIPELINE

According to market sources, three more IPOs may hit the market in mid-November. These are: Uniparts India Ltd, Landmark Cars Ltd and Premji Invest-backed Gold Plus Glass Industries Ltd.

WHAT GMP INDICATES

Grey Market Prices (GMP) of DCX Systems, Fusion Micro Finance, Bikaji Foods and Global Health indicate shares are likely to open higher or near their issue prices.

NO DEMAND FOR CASH BURNING START-UPS

Big start-ups are facing an unfavourable environment. There are no widely accepted valuation parameters for such start-ups that borrow money to survive: VK Vijayakumar, Chief Investment Strategist at Geojit Financial Services.

MONEY MATTERS

MAKING DREAM HOLIDAYS YOUR FINANCIAL GOAL

FINANCIAL ADVICE

RAJAS KELKAR

(The author is editor-in-chief at www.moneyminute.in)

PERSONAL finance is not just about cutting expenses. Whenever someone suggests saving and investing, you assume cuts in expenses. It is our mind that plays tricks on us. Yes, you have to curb your urges to spend. However, that does not mean you should stop spending and living your life. Your knowledge of personal finance can help you manage your money so that you get more out of that.

Holidays are an essential aspect of our lives. A typical family plans for holidays when children have summer or winter breaks. If you are into financial planning and have an advisor, you are already saving for that dream destination holiday. A professional advisor can help you plan your savings and investments to provide for your annual holidays comfortably every year.

Your holiday bucket can start with a small saving every month. Putting aside a monthly sum to pay for future holidays will ease the burden of sudden expenses. For short-term needs, your savings should be allocated to assets with a higher debt or fixed income component and lower equity exposure.

For anything over a year, you must put it in an equity-linked fund. There is no minimum or maximum limit to the amount in this kitty. Your money can go a long way in making your holiday memorable. You can adjust your comfort level and convenience based on your ability to save and invest.

Planning early and saving money

If you can plan your holidays, you can manage your finances well. Your most considerable expense is related to travel. Your airfare, train journey fare, and hotel cost can increase as you get closer to your proposed travel date.

It is a good idea to book in advance if you know your dates of travel and destination. That way, you would save substantially as airlines and hotels offer early bird incentives. The money saved can be used for incidental expenses, shopping or convenience.

Planning early is an absolute must if you are travelling abroad. When you earn in rupees and spend in US dollars or other heavyweight currencies, every rupee saved is every rupee earned.

There are several ways you can make early reservations to your favourite destination and avoid the last-minute rush. For example, travelling to any European destination, you may want to be close to the city centre to explore the place easily. Planning early helps you pick the right place to stay.

When travelling around India, you may want to book at least your air tickets in advance.

SOURAV ROY

You may consider buying a time-share holiday subscription if holidays are on your plan each year. However, it is only for those with surplus cash or a steady income. Those with income uncertainty or erratic schedules should refrain from falling for the marketing machinery of time-share holidays.

There is a cost you pay upfront to get the membership, and then there is a recurring annual maintenance charge you have to pay that increases with inflation. If you can cross that monetary hurdle, your time-share holiday can give you access to some excellent properties in India and abroad. It is not just about access. It is also about saving money if you travel with your family.

Renting a one-bedroom or a two-bedroom apartment is cheaper than booking multiple hotel rooms. It is also useful when you are planning your holiday early. You are unlikely to get a reservation at the last minute unless you are a high-value subscriber to that service.

Your holidays are your time for your family and friends. You can permanently save and invest better to provide for your dream holidays at exotic locations. Just like any other financial goal, make holidays with your family each year a financial goal. '

Allocate a portion of your monthly income to that expenditure. The fundamental principle is to invest regularly. If you do that, you can regularly holiday without straining your finances. Money cannot buy you happiness. However, when you spend your hard-earned money, you want more value. That is not possible if you do not plan early. Your knowledge of personal finance can help you structure a better holiday.

MONEY-WISE

UNNECESSARY BUYING DELAYS YOUR RETIREMENT

FINANCIAL ADVICE

PV SUBRAMANYAM

writes at www.subramoney.com and has authored the best seller 'Retire Rich - Invest ₹40 a day'

WE have all been told by our elders – parents and teachers in particular- that 'Time is Money'. What is the origin of this phrase?

'Time Is Money' is an aphorism that originated in 'Advice to a Young Tradesman', an essay by Benjamin Franklin that appeared in George Fisher's 1748 book, The American Instructor: or Young Man's Best Companion, in which Franklin wrote, 'Remember that time is money.'

Of course, Time is Money, and I would like to talk about how you should look at anything that you wish to buy (for use, I presume).

I do not own a car and I use Ola or Uber whenever I need it – but mostly I use the public transport of Mumbai.

My expense on Ola is about 30% of what I would spend on a full-time driver. I am not even getting into the cost of the car, fuel, maintenance, insurance, etc. It takes a lot of effort for a salesman to get money out of me.

When you 'buy' things, you are paying money – but remember 'Money is Time' is also true. When we buy things we pay for it in TIME. This unnecessary list of things that we buy is ACTUALLY delaying our retirement.

Are you willing to pay this price? Do you want to retire at 52 or at 65? That is the kind of cost of 'delay in retirement'

The more 'things' that you buy the more you delay your retirement.

When you do not buy unnecessary things, you save money, then invest it.

When you say 'No' more often – to complicated financial products, you save more money, and all that saved money can turn into investments.

When the investment is made sensibly that investment becomes 'more money'.

This 'more money' allows you to buy back time – which gives you 'Financial Independence' that leads you to 'Retire Early'. Very fondly this is called 'FIRE'.

The most difficult aspect of valuing your time is the mind-set shift, especially if you make it feel like you're depriving yourself. When you stop buying unnecessary things it soon becomes a habit.

Many of your friends will stop calling you to expensive eat outs –as they have got used to your 'nay' saying. Even you may be wondering about 'Ok, but when can I indulge myself in some of these things'. However, with time you understand the amazing 'Joy of Enough' and you may never buy unnecessary things again.

Most people who understand all this, realise that the money gained by not buying something, you could have bought something else. Thus like a friend says "I see the Luxury Holidays, Expensive cars, Designer watches, Cuff-links, smell the perfumes... WHICH I DID NOT BUY ....when I see my portfolio!

If it is so simple.... Why are many people not doing this?

Well, it is like dieting. It looks very simple, but not everybody can do it.

People can understand the pleasure of making a ₹ 10,00,000 downpayment can make you feel good with a big BMW standing at your gate.

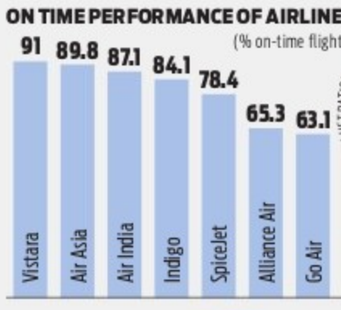
However, when you invest ₹10 lakh in a mutual fund, it is not clear what will happen to it. So, we frequently choose the car over the investment, and delay the FIRE!

TROUBLES IN AIR

Delays, cancellation and other issues that could make your air travel less pleasant

EXPRESS ILLUSTRATION

ON TIME PERFORMANCE OF AIRLINES (% on-time flights)



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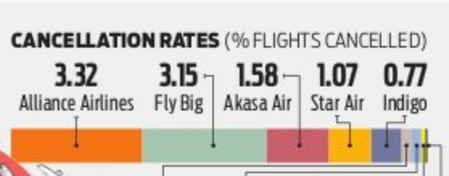

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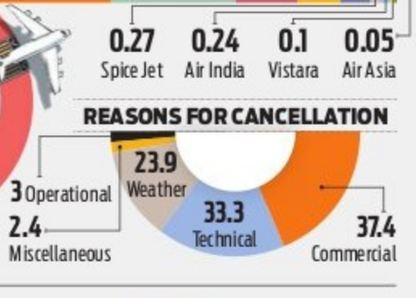

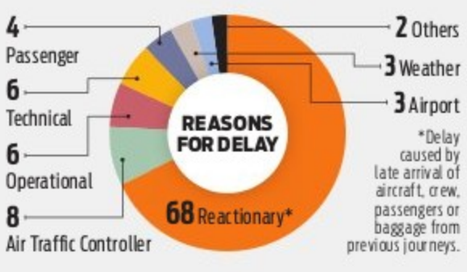

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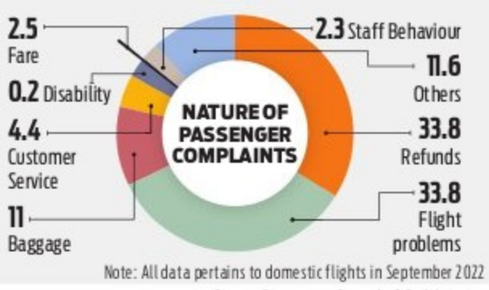

Note: All data pertains to domestic flights in September 2022

Source: Directorate General of Civil Aviation

IOB net profit surges 33% to ₹501 crore in Sept'22 quarter; revenues up 15%

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@ Bengaluru

STATE-RUN Indian Overseas Bank has posted a 33% increase in its net profit for the second quarter ending September 30, 2022 at ₹501 crore. During the same period last year, the bank registered net profit at ₹376 crore.

During the second quarter, the total income rose 15% to ₹ 5,852.45 crore from ₹5,091 crore during the same quarter last year. Its interest income stood at ₹4,717.61 crore for the second quarter.

The total business stood at ₹4,34,441 crore compared to ₹4,23,589 crore in the June quarter.

Also, its deposits grew to ₹2,61,728 crore from ₹2,60,045 crore as on 30 June 2022.

The net non-performing assets (NPA) ratio stood at 2.56% at ₹4,148 crore as on 30 September 2022 when compared to ₹ 3,741 crore registered as on 30 September 2021.

The bank said reduction in NPA for the second quarter stood at ₹43 crore as against ₹1,006 crore achieved for the quarter ended June 2022.

Provision coverage ratio stood at 90.94% as against 91.86% as on 30 June 2022. The bank has made required provisioning in advances in specific accounts so as to improve Net NPA.

During the quarter under review, the gross NPA reduced by ₹43 crore. GNPAs as at 30 September 2022 stood at ₹14,726 crore with a ratio of 8.53% as against ₹14,769 crore with a ratio of 9.03% as at 30 June 2022.

The interest income during the quarter under review stood at ₹4,717.61 crore against ₹4,255 crore registered last year.

The total cash recovery for September 2022 period was at ₹ 494 crore as against ₹479 crore registered in June 2022, the bank said.

EXPRESS READ

Jio proposes to deposit ₹3,720 crore

NEW DELHI: Jio has proposed to deposit ₹3,720 crore in an escrow account to complete the acquisition of Reliance Infratel which is undergoing liquidation process. Mukesh Ambani-run Jio placed the bid of ₹3,720 crore in 2019 to acquire tower and fibre asset of Anil Ambani managed Reliance Communications. *PTI*

BankBazaar to go for IPO by next calendar

New Delhi : BankBazaar.com, which eyes to become the most profitable co-branded credit card platform, expects to turn profitable this fiscal and plans to file for an IPO by the end of next year, founder and CEO Adhil Shetty said. The company is now majorly into co-branded credit card space. *PTI*

Asian C'ship: Hussamuddin, Shiva assured of medals

Indian boxers **Mohammad Hussamuddin** and Shiva Thapa progressed to the semifinals of the ASBC Asian Boxing Championships in Amman, Jordan on Sunday. Facing South Korea's Haengseok Lee, Hussamuddin (57kg) made a slow start before posting a 5-0 win. Thapa beat South Korea's Minsu Choi 4-1

Galina no longer India's 400m coach

INDRANEEL DAS @ Chennai

AFTER five years as the foreign coach for 400m (including 4x400m relay) athletes in the country, Galina Bukharina is back home (USA). Though she was under pressure after 4x400 relay teams floundered in recent times — from Commonwealth Games to World Championships, the Athletics Federation of India (AFI) confirmed the development and said that she also did not want to continue. According to AFI, the severance was mutual. Though there were indications that she would be shown the door, the AFI claimed otherwise and said its primary concern was the coach's age. She turned 77 in February this year.

The women's team that won gold in 4x400m at the 2018 Asian Games is in shambles. Most of the 400m women runners are injured while one is serving a suspension for a positive dope test. The men'4x400m had won silver.

Galina joined the India team in 2017 after the Asian Championships in Bhubaneswar in July. The Russian coach, who lives in the USA, has already left the country and the AFI is looking for a replacement. Interestingly, her contract was renewed in January until the 2022 Asian Games, which was later postponed to the next year.

There is a section of experts who felt she did not deliver on her promise and her intense training led to so many injuries. However, AFI said she had her share of success too. The 2018 Asian and Commonwealth Games were the highlights of her coaching stint in India. The AFI had been focussing on the women's and mixed 4x400 for important championships like the Worlds and the Olympics, but they failed to deliver in the last couple of years.

Galina's best athlete — national record holder in 400m — Hima Das had to shift to 100m due to a lengthy back injury, Saritaben Gaekwad is nowhere in the scene, MR Poovamma tested positive for the banned substance and serving suspension, Anjali Devi is struggling with injury and VK Vismaya is not performing well. Even the men's team is struggling. What made matters worse is the athletes, who are training outside under different coaches, outperforming those in the national camp.

EXPRESS READ

Ledecky sets short-course 800m free world record

LOS ANGELES: Katie Ledecky broke the 800m freestyle short course world record on Saturday at the FINA World Cup meeting in Indianapolis, her second world mark in a one-week span. The US freestyle great clocked 7min 57.42 at the World Cup event in Indiana, breaking the 7:59.34 record by Spain's Mireia Belmonte in 2013. She had opened her season at the World Cup stop in Toronto last week, where she shattered the 1,500m freestyle short course record.

Rune upsets Djokovic to win Paris Masters

PARIS: Danish teenager Holger Rune shocked six-time champion Novak Djokovic to clinch his first Masters title in Paris on Sunday after coming from a set down to win 3-6, 6-3, 7-5. Rune, 19, became the youngest winner of the Paris tournament since an 18-year-old Boris Becker in 1986 after beating five top-10 players in as many days — the first to do so in the same tournament.

Mohun Bagan draw with Mumbai City

Mumbai: Mumbai City FC and ATK Mohun Bagan played out a 2-2 draw in an Indian Super League match on Sunday. Lallianzuala Chhangte's screamer in the fourth minute was nullified by Joni Kauko's deflected equaliser three minutes into the second half. Rostyn Griffiths put the hosts in front again before Carl McHugh scored four minutes after coming on in the 89th minute.

FIH Pro League: India beat Spain in shoot-out

BHUBANESWAR: Krishan Bahadur Pathak rose to the occasion under the bar as India defeated Spain 3-1 in shoot-out after both the teams were locked 2-2 at regulation time in their second match of the FIH Pro League tie. Harmanpreet (12th, 32nd minutes) scored a brace from penalty corners for India while skipper Marc Miralles (43rd) and Pere Amat (55th) found the net for Spain in normal time.

RED-HOT SURYA INSPIRES INDIA

Mumbai batter cracks unbeaten 61 off 25 as Rohit & Co enter semifinal with 71-run victory over Zimbabwe

Suryakumar Yadav put his scoop shot to good use, scoring 26 off his 61 runs in the fine-leg region against Zimbabwe on Sunday | AFP

GOMESH S @ Chennai

YOUR team has got off to a good start cruising to 68/1 in eight overs. But there is a lull. In the next four overs, only 21 runs come your team's way and what more, Virat Kohli loses his wicket. You walk in, and then the opener who had just reached his fifty, KL Rahul, gets out. And over the next 10 balls, you get to face only two deliveries as you watch another attacking batter, Rishabh Pant, falling prey to a stunning catch in the deep. If all this isn't enough, only four runs were added to the scoreboard in the next over, pulling the run rate down to 7.13 after three-quarters of the innings. Such a situation would have some kind of impact on any batter. But not on Suryakumar Yadav.

If there is any cricketer who could be called invincible in 2022, it is the Indian batter. The numbers say it all. This year, he has smashed 1026 runs in 28 T20I innings at a strike rate of 186.54. His average is well into the 40s as well, but it is the SR that makes the difference. Among the middle-order batters (from the 16 teams that are taking part in the ongoing T20 World Cup) with 50 or more runs this year, no one has a better SR (189.5) than him.

But it is not just the numbers. It's the way Suryakumar decimates every bowling attack that has come his way that makes one wreck their brain wondering how he is able to have such an impact with impeccable consistency. He manipulates the field, creates scoring areas out of thin air and does with such artistry and clean striking that blows you away every single time.

Sunday, against Zimbabwe at the Melbourne Cricket Ground, was no different. With India trying to up the ante in the last five overs, Suryakumar, batting on five off six balls, shuffled across to try and pull their fastest bowler, Blessing Muzarabani. End result, a top edge to the boundary. Next ball, a slight jump to his left to create room and launched the pacer over mid-off. First ball of the 17th from Richard Ngarava, a wide full toss, he lobs it over short-third for four. From first gear, he had directly gone to fifth. But the madness was just beginning.

Picture this. Ngarava runs in and bowls a low full-toss wide outside off-stump from around the wicket. What does Suryakumar do? He stretches his front foot across, leans forward and whips over the fine-leg boundary for a six. But that is not just the end of it. Ngarava comes over the wicket to create a tougher angle in the final over and goes for that wide yorker again. Only this time, Suryakumar shuffled a bit, planting his backfoot on leg-stump and front foot across on the wide line and stretched forward to sweep the left-arm pacer against the angle over the square-leg boundary. And on the final delivery, he moved to the wide crease and bent down to scoop another low full toss that flew inches past his left ear for a six behind the wicket. If you were awestruck by the first couple of shots, this one would leave you speechless.

Former India head coach Ravi Shastri wasn't spared either. When Shastri asked the 32-year-old how could he pull off something like that, he would say it was predetermined a bit. But not without a method behind it. He said that he would calculate the dimensions of the boundary, anticipate what the bowler do next according to the field and then back himself to find the sweet spot to use the pace of the bowler — all in a matter of seconds. In between all this, there was a front foot loft over extra cover, a slower yorker drilled down the ground, a scoop over fine-leg as Suryakumar smashed an unbeaten 61 runs from 25 balls, helping India secure a 71-run win.

There is something about athletes doing things at the peak of their powers and looking invincible while doing it all. Suryakumar is in that place right now and the good thing for the Indian team is that he doesn't look like leaving that place anytime soon.

Brief scores: India 186/5 in 20 ovs (Surya 61 n.o, Rahul 51) **bt** Zimbabwe 115 in 17.2 ovs (Burl 35; Ashwin 3/22, Hardik 2/16).

YET ANOTHER WC HEARTBREAK FOR SA

World Cup after World Cup, the Proteas have somehow found themselves on the wrong side of a crucial result. This T20 WC was no different.

RAIN STEALS THE THUNDER

Chasing 64 runs in six overs in their rain-curtailed opening game of the tournament against Zimbabwe, South Africa had raced to 51/0 in three. That is when the heavens opened up again and the players never got back on the field to resume play. From the verge of victory, the Temba Bavuma-side had to share two points with Zimbabwe.

SLOPPY FIELDING AGAINST PAK

Before they were rattled by Shaheen Shah Afridi's new-ball spell during the chase, South Africa were unlike themselves on the field, letting Pakistan take advantage of their poor fielding. They dropped as many as five catches in the encounter, not to mention the fumbles on the field, which helped Babar Azam's side to get 185/9. Against Afridi & Co., it was always going to be an uphill task and they crumbled.

PRESSURE GETS TO PROTEAS

All they had to do was win to get through. And it seemed like they would. But the Netherlands had other ideas as they pulled a rabbit out of the hat to eliminate South Africa. Maybe it was just destined. After all, Roelof van der Merwe, who has played for SA in two T20 WCs, was at the centre of the turning point of the match when he took a stellar catch to get rid of the dangerous **David Miller.** They slumped to 114/6, and from thereon, it was too much for them

Pak cash in after SA slip

AGENCIES @ Adelaide

PAKISTAN slipped into the Twenty20 World Cup semifials after beating Bangladesh by five wickets on a dramatic final day of group play at the Adelaide Oval.

South Africa had earlier Sunday crashed out of the tournament after a shock 13-run loss to the Netherlands which opened the door for either Pakistan or Bangladesh to take the last remaining semifinal spot in Group 2.

Shaheen Afridi produced an inspired spell of fast bowling to restrict Bangladesh to 127-8, before star opening batsmen Babar Azam and Mohammad Rizwan combined for a 57-run partnership — their highest this tournament — to set up Pakistan's third win of the Super 12 stage and their sixth T20 World Cup semifinal appearance in eight editions of the tournament.

Bangladesh had won the toss and batted and opener Najmul Shanto top-scored with 54 from 48 balls, including seven boundaries.

Earlier, South Africa only needed a win against the unfancied Netherlands to progress to the semifinals, but chasing 159 to win the Proteas stumbled to 145-8 and gifted Pakistan and Bangladesh a semi-final shot.

Brief scores: Netherlands 158/4 in 20 ovs (Ackermann 41, Cooper 35; Maharaj 2/27) bt South Africa 145/8 in 20 ovs (Rossouw 25; Glover 3/9); Bangladesh 127/8 in 20 ovs (Shanto 54; Afridi 4/22) lost to Pakistan 128/5 in 18.1 ovs (Haris 31, Masood 24).

SEMIFINAL FIXTURES

Nov 9: New Zealand vs Pakistan, Sydney; **Nov 10:** India vs England, Adelaide

Live on Star Sports Network

Dutch directly qualify for 2024 T20 WC

Thanks to their win against South Africa and India beating Zimbabwe, Netherlands finished in the top four of Group 2, ensuring their direct qualification for the 2024 T20 World Cup in West Indies and the USA. The eight top-performing teams at this edition alongside the hosts will automatically qualify along with two of the next highest-ranked teams in the ICC T20I Team Rankings as of 14 November 2022.

Teams: West Indies (hosts), USA (hosts), India, England, New Zealand, Pakistan, Australia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Netherlands, Bangladesh, Afghanistan

Arsenal pip Chelsea to regain top spot

AFP @ London

ARSENAL beat Chelsea 1-0 to dispel doubts over their Premier League title credentials and go top of the table on Sunday as Manchester United were blown away 3-1 by an inspired Aston Villa on Unai Emery's bow as boss.

United are now three points off the top four after Newcastle continued their fine form with a 4-1 win at Southampton to go third.

Gabriel Magalhaes bundled in Bukayo Saka's corner for the only goal at Stamford Bridge, but the slender margin of victory was the very least Arsenal deserved.

Arsenal players celebrate after the final whistle on Sunday | AFP

Chelsea offered barely anything going forward as they slipped to back-to-back Premier League defeats for the first time in two years. Victory takes Arsenal back two points clear of Manchester City at the top of the table.

Results: Chelsea **0-1** Arsenal 1; Aston Villa **3-1** Manchester United; Southampton **1-4** Newcastle; West Ham **1-2** Crystal Palace.

Pique bows out with win

BARCELONA: Gerard Pique bowed out at Camp Nou on an emotional night as Barcelona beat Almeria 2-0 to move top of La Liga. This was the 35-year-old defender's last home game for the club and the World Cup winner will retire from football after Tuesday's visit to Osasuna.

More light on IOA athletes panel composition

INDRANEEL DAS @ Chennai

ALL eyes will be on the Supreme Court on Monday when suggestions and petitions regarding the recently amended Indian Olympic Association will be presented. The SC-appoinsted one-man committee retired judge L Nageswara Rao, who has drafted the constitution, is expected to throw more clarity on the all-important Athletes Commission.

The number of members that would constitute the commission is expected to be finalised and presented to the court. The count could be eight or 12. The nomination and selection process too would be spelt out. Even the scrutinising process to shortlist eight (four male and four female) Sportspersons of Outstanding Merit (SoMs) would be clearer. Some of the federations also feel that the clause that says Olympic/Asian/Commonwealth Games medallists can apply would be harsh on some as they may not have medallists. That could lead to skewed representation.

Another issue facing National Sports Federations (NSFs), who will be part of the general body, is representation of women in the general body with voting rights. According to the constitution, NSFs can be represented by one male and one female representative in the general body. They will have voting rights. Most NSFs don't have women as office-bearers.

The committee has received quite a few suggestions and representations from NSFs and State Olympic Associations, who have been stripped of their voting rights.

The state units felt it was harsh on them. The NSFs are jittery with certain clauses that seem contradictory in nature. One federation has pointed out that on one hand, the constitution talks about following International Federation's constitution and statutes, while on the other, it says if NSFs don't abide by the 2011 National Sports Development Code of India, they will lose recognition.

Senior advocate Rahul Mehra, the original petitioner, too has listed out a few points that he said will be placed before the court. One such request would be to lock the constitution for a period of 12 years so that no changes can be made after the elections are over in December.

PARA-BADMINTON WORLDS

Clinical mistake damaged her right hand but Manisha making net gains

FIROZ MIRZA @ Chennai

A clinical mistake by doctors while guiding her out of the birth canal meant Manisha Ramadass's right arm got damaged even before she was born. Eldest among two sisters, Manisha underwent three surgeries till she turned 12 but the damage could not be undone completely. Even as her parents were trying to fix the problem, the resident of Tiruvallur district in Tamil Nadu found a way to overcome the tragedy by turning to sports.

She was in class 5th when she started focusing on badminton. And after seven years of rigorous training and hard work on the court, she became the world champion in her category (SU5) on Sunday. In SU5, the player has an impairment of the upper limbs. The 17-year-old Manisha clinched the gold even as India finished the campaign with 16 medals at the BWF Para-Badminton World Championships in Tokyo. The Tamil Nadu para-shuttler beat local star Mamiko Toyoda 21-15, 21-15 in the women's singles SU5 finals.

"The injury happened due to the doctor's negligence. They used too much force to pull me out and thus damaged my right arm," the para shuttler told this daily from Tokyo. The birth injury meant Manisha could not straighten her arm. At the age of four, she underwent surgery. She went under the knife twice when she was 12, however, the injury remained. "The arm got damaged by 90 per cent and the surgeries helped me recover by 60 per cent so far," she added.

She made her debut at the para-badminton state-level tournament in 2019 but couldn't compete at the nationals as the Covid-19 pandemic next year shut the sporting activities across the globe. She made up for the lost time last year when she won gold in singles and doubles at the para-badminton nationals.

"The good show in the nationals helped me break into the national fold. I won a gold each in singles and doubles at my first international meet — the Spanish Para-Badminton International II 2022 — in March. I also bagged a mixed doubles bronze at the event," said Manisha.

After her maiden appearance in Spain, Manisha won two gold at the 4th Fazza Dubai Para-Badminton International in May. The Tokyo event is her fourth international tournament and she now wants to focus on the Asian Games scheduled next year. "My immediate goal is winning gold at the Asiad. The podium finishes there will boost my confidence for the 2024 Paralympics as, like any other athlete, my ultimate aim is to secure medals for the country at that event."

The injured right arm forced Manisha to become a southpaw but she is not bothered as long as she is excelling on the court. "I don't care about it (birth injury) as long as I am winning medals on the court," said Manisha, who also pocketed doubles bronze with Mandeep Kaur.

Pramod retains title

TANMAY DAS @ Bhubaneswar

ODISHA'S ace para-shuttler Pramod Bhagat successfully defended SL4 singles men's title after defeating compatriot Nitish Kumar 21-19, 21-19 in the final at the event. He also won doubles silver with Manoj Sarkar.

Before the Tokyo event, Pramod had won a total of six gold, two silver and three bronze medals in singles and doubles in the previous six editions.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

Another one of the 12 railroad unions narrowly approved its deal with the major freight railroads Saturday, offering some hope that the contract dispute might be resolved without a strike.

Japan PM Fumio Kishida said at an international fleet review that his country needs to strengthen its military capabilities as security risks increase including threats from North Korea and Russia's war on Ukraine.

COP27: UN Climate talks commences in Egypt

Negotiators spent days ahead of the meeting discussing whether to formally consider the issue of reparations

CLIMATE

SHARM EL-SHEIKH: Envoys from around the globe gathered Sunday in the Egyptian seaside resort of Sharm el-Sheikh for talks on tackling climate change amid a multitude of competing crises, including the war in Ukraine, high inflation, food shortages and an energy crunch.

Negotiators spent a frantic two days ahead of the meeting discussing whether to formally consider the issue of loss and damage, or reparations, to vulnerable nations suffering from climate change. The issue, which has weighed on the talks for years, was agreed just hours before the meeting officially opened. In an opening speech, the head of the UN's panel of climate scientist highlighted the urgency of cutting greenhouse gas emissions and adapting to the effects of global warming. "This is a once in a generation opportunity to save our planet and our livelihoods," said Hoesung Lee, chair of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.

The outgoing chair of the talks, British official Alok Sharma, said countries had made considerable progress at their last meeting in Glasgow, including on setting more ambitious targets for cutting emissions, finalizing the rules of the 2015 Paris agreement and pledging to begin phasing out the use of coal—the most heavily polluting fossil fuel.

"We kept 1.5 degrees alive," he said, referring to the most ambitious goal of the Paris pact, to keep temperature increase since pre-industrial times under that threshold.

Yet now those efforts were being "buffeted by global headwinds," he warned.

"(Russian President Vladimir) Putin's brutal and illegal war in Ukraine has precipitated multiple global crisis, energy and food insecurity, inflationary pressures and spiraling debt," said Sharma. "These crises have compounded existing climate vulnerabilities and the scarring effects of the pandemic." But, even the most optimistic scenarios assuming countries do everything they have pledged put the world on course for 1.7 C of warming he warned.

Delegates attend an opening session at the COP27 UN Climate Summit | AP

2015 to 2022 may be 8 warmest years on record

REPORT

New Delhi: The global mean temperature in 2022 is estimated to be 1.15 degree Celsius above the pre-industrial (1850-1900) average, likely making the eight years from 2015 the warmest on record, the World Meteorological Organisation said in a report on Sunday.

The report titled *'WMO Provisional State of the Global Climate 2022'* released at the 27th Conference of Parties to the UNFCCC on Sunday stated that the rate of sea level rise has doubled since 1993 and has risen by nearly 10 mm since January 2020 to a new record high this year. The past two-and-a-half years account for 10% of the overall rise in sea level since satellite measurements started nearly 30 years ago, the report stated. The figures used in the provisional 2022 report are till the end of September this year. The final version will be issued next April. "The global mean temperature so far in 2022 has been 1.15 degree Celsius above the 1850-1900 average. If the current anomaly continues to the end of the year, the analysis would place 2022 as either the fifth or sixth warmest year on record (from 1850), and in each case marginally warmer than 2021. The eight years are likely to be the eight warmest years on record," the report read.

Despite La Ni'a conditions keeping the global temperature low for the second consecutive year, 2022 is still most likely to be the fifth or sixth warmest year on record, the WMO said. The 10-year average for the period 2013-2022 is estimated to be 1.14° C above the pre-industrial baseline.

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Sl. No	Loan No./ Name of Borrower/Co–Borrower	Property Address and Flat Area/ UDS of land	Date of Demand Notice	Reserve Price (Amount in Rs.)	EMD (10%) of Reserve Price	Bank details (EMD to be transferred to)
1	Loan No.:- 410500001132 Name:- Gopal Krishna Yallavula	All that piece & parcel of the residential Property bearing Flat No.601, in the SIXTH floor of "B-1" Block of the multi-storied Building named "NARAYAN'S-ARIES", measuring 1303 Square Feet super built up area, one car parking space, having undivided share of 540.6 Square feet in the land bearing BBMP KHATHA No.460, Sy.No.66/2 & 66/7, Jakkur Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore, and bounded on: EAST By: Land Acquired by BDA; West By: Lands of a Ramakka W/o Subbiah and K.V.Srikantiah; North By: Road, South By: Road	21/03/2014	Rs.50,00,000/-	Rs.5,00,000/-	Account Number:- HFLESCBAKE01132 IFSC Code:-UTIB0CCH274 Beneficiary Branch Name : AXIS BANK, CENTRALISED COLLECTION HUB
2	Loan No.:- 410500001020 Name:- DH Sandesh Kumar	All that piece & parcel of the residential Property bearing Flat No.401, in the FOURTH floor of "B-1" Block of the multi-storied Building named "NARAYAN'S-ARIES", measuring 1305 Square Feet super built up area, one car parking space, having undivided share of 541.4 Square feet in the land bearing BBMP KHATHA No.460, Sy.No.66/2 & 66/7, Jakkur Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore, and bounded on: EAST By: Land Acquired by BDA; West By: Lands of a Ramakka W/o Subbiah and K.V.Srikantiah; North By: Road, South By: Road.	21/03/2014	Rs.51,00,000/-	Rs.5,10,000/-	Account Number:-HFLESCBAKE01020 IFSC Code:- UTIB0CCH274 Beneficiary Branch Name : AXIS BANK, CENTRALISED COLLECTION HUB
3.	Loan No.:- 410700003700 Name : Ms Pooja K/ Mr Ashwin N C	All that piece and parcel of apartment bearing flat No. C-15, present E katha property Sl. No. 150200400501120826 in block B in the second floor measuring about 1375 Sq Ft super built up area containing three bed rooms together with RCC roofing, vitrified flooring together with one covered car parking space , including proportionate share in common areas such as passages , lobbies, staircases, etc., in the multi storied residential building complex known as "Jana Jeeva Orchid along with 516 sq. feet of undivided right, title and interest. The said flat is bounded on east by: open area, west by: flat no C-14, North by: flat no C-12 and south by : Open area . This apartment is built over the property being present E katha No. 150200400501120585 , converted land bearing sy no 54, (converted from agricultural to non agricultural residential purpose vide conversion certificate bearing No. ALN(E) (B) SR :113/2009-10 dated 06/04/2010 issued by the special deputy commissioner , Bangalore district Bangalore), situated at Halehalli Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East taluk measuring about 1 Acre 36Guntas, with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever hereunder or underneath or above the surface and bounded on : east by: Land in sy no.55; west by : remaining portion in sy no 54, north by : water channel south by : road formed in land in sy no 24	01/10/2018	Rs.46,00,000/-	Rs.4,60,000/-	Account Number:- HFLESCBAVY03700 IFSC Code:- UTIB0CCH274 Beneficiary Branch Name : AXIS BANK, CENTRALISED COLLECTION HUB
4.	Loan No.:- 410500001163 Name:- Mr. Pulak Biswas	All that piece & parcel of the residential Property bearing Flat No.403, in the FOURTH floor of "B-3" Block of the multi-storied Building named "NARAYAN'S-ARIES", measuring 1212 Square Feet super built up area, one car parking space, having undivided share of 502.8 Square feet in the land bearing BBMP KHATHA No.460, Sy. No. 66/2 & 66/7, Jakkur Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore, and bounded on: EAST By: Land Acquired by BDA; West By: Lands of a Ramakka W/o.Subbiah and K.V.Srikantiah; North By: Road, South By: Road.	21/03/2014	Rs.45,00,000/-	Rs.4,50,000/-	Account Number:- HFLESCBAKE01163 IFSC Code:- UTIB0CCH274 Beneficiary Branch Name : AXIS BANK, CENTRALISED COLLECTION HUB
5.	Loan No.:- 411900012958 Name:- Mr. Manju Devi Sureka	All that piece & parcel of the property bearing vacant site no 45/1,SKC WHITE MEADOWS, khata no 4976/3661/45/1 1420 formed out of sy no 169/1 of Kengeri village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South taluk, which is duly converted from Agricultural purposes to non agricultural residential purposes ,vide conversion Orders no. ALN (S) S.R.(K)/177/10-11 dated 20/06/2011 and No. ALN(S)S.R.(K)/178/10-11 DATED 20/06/2011 issued by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District and falling under the jurisdiction of BBMP , Kengeri having BBMP khatas and measuring east & west: northern side :50'.0"feet, southern side :65'.0" feet :North & south : eastern side :61'.0" feet, western side:98'.0" feet totally measuring 4571 sq ft and bounded on the east by : Road, west by : site no 46, north by : site no 45/2 and south by : private property	25/07/2018	Rs.2,00,00,000/-	Rs.20,00,000/-	Account Number:- HFLESCBABC12958 IFSC Code:- UTIB0CCH274 Beneficiary Branch Name : AXIS BANK, CENTRALISED COLLECTION HUB
6.	Loan No.:- 410200004586 Name : Mr Y Ramesh Kumar	Flat No.G-4, in the Ground floor of the multistoried apartment building known as "VENKATA SAI LAND RIDGE" measuring 1227 Square Feet super built up area, having undivided share of 314 square feet and one covered car parking space in the land bearing Sy.No.30/1A4, presently bearing BBMP Khatha No.130 situated at Seegehalli Village, K.R.Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, presently coming under BBMP ward No.53, and bounded on: EAST By: Flat No.G-6, West By: Open to sky, North By: Passage and Flat No.G-4, South By: Open to sky.	12/08/2016	Rs.49,00,000/-	Rs.4,90,000/-	Account Number:- HFLESCBAIR04586 IFSC Code:- UTIB0CCH274 Beneficiary Branch Name : AXIS BANK, CENTRALISED COLLECTION HUB
7.	Loan No.:- 410200004587 Name : Mr Y Ramesh Kumar	Flat No.G-5, in the Ground floor of the multistoried apartment building known as "VENKATA SAI LAND RIDGE" measuring 1204 Square Feet super built up area, having undivided share of 308 square feet and one covered car parking space in the land bearing Sy.No.30/1A4, presently bearing BBMP Khatha No.130 situated at Seegehalli Village, K.R.Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, presently coming under BBMP ward No.53, and bounded on: EAST By: Flat No.G-6, West By: Open to sky, North By: Passage and Flat No.G-4, South By: Open to sky.	12/08/2016	Rs.48,00,000/-	Rs.4,80,000/-	Account Number:- HFLESCBAIR04587 IFSC Code:- UTIB0CCH274 Beneficiary Branch Name : AXIS BANK, CENTRALISED COLLECTION HUB
8.	Loan No.:- 411500003584 Name:- Amaresh Ema Balakrishna	All that piece & parcel of the residential Apartment bearing WH 205, in Block-III in Tower No.21 on the 2nd Floor, Apartment No.201 in the building measuring 132.15 Square Meters, containing 3 bedrooms with open car park Nos.B-049 & B-050 contained in the complex known as "WHITE HOUSE" and undivided right of 35.31 Square Meters in the land bearing Sy.No.37 situated at Matadahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, and bounded on: East by: Storm Water Drain; West by : B.D.A. Road; North by: Dinnur Main Road; South by : Portion of Sy.No. 37	31/08/2015	Rs.83,21,391/-	Rs.8,33,000/-	Account Number:- HFLESCBAWF03584 IFSC Code:- UTIB0CCH274 Beneficiary Branch Name : AXIS BANK, CENTRALISED COLLECTION HUB
9.	Loan No.:- 411900013073 Name:- Mr. Siddhalinga Swamy Gogga & Mr. Vishwanath Swamy Gogga	All that piece and parcel of property bearing Villa No.4, in the Project "27 High Street" having four Rooms, one Hall, Kitchen, Nos- 3 Car Garages, measuring East to West 33 Feet and North to South 39 Feet and having Super built up area along with common areas of 4460 Sq. feet with 3.34% of undivided share 2889 sft constructed out of the converted land bearing Survey No. 113/3 measuring 2 acres 22 Guntas out of which an extent of 1 acre 39 Guntas or 86314 Sq. feet situated in Nagondanahalli, Krishnarajapuram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore district, Converted as per the orders of the Deputy Commissioner BEARING No. ALN (EKLW) SR.42/13-14 Dated 13-10-2013 and now within the limits of BBMP and bearing Khatha No. 597/547 and bounded on the:- East by:- Land bearing Survey No. 112 Wes by:- Land bearing Survey No. 113/1 and 4, North by:- Remaining portion of the land bearing Survey No. 113/3 and Road, South by:- Land bearing Survey No. 113/4. Villa boundaries:- East by:- sy no 112/1 West by:- Podium Road North by:- Villa No. 3. South by:- Villa No.5. All that piece and parcel of property bearing Villa No.5, in the Project "27 High Street" having four Rooms, one Hall, Kitchen, nos 3 Car Garages, measuring East to West 33 Feet and North to South 39 Feet and having Super built up area along with common areas of 4460 Sq. feet with 3.54% undivided share of 3062 sft constructed out of the converted land bearing Survey No. 113/3 measuring 2 acres 22 Guntas out of which an extent of 1 acre 39 Guntas or 86314 Sq. feet situated in Nagondanahalli, Krishnarajapuram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore district, Converted as per the orders of the Deputy Commissioner BEARING No. ALN (EKLW) SR.42/13-14 Dated 13-10-2013 and now within the limits of BBMP and bearing Khatha No. 597/547 and bounded on the:- East by:- Land bearing Survey No. 112 Wes by:- Land bearing Survey No. 113/1 and 4, North by:- Remaining portion of the land bearing Survey No. 113/3 and Road, South by:- Land bearing Survey No. 113/4. Villa boundaries:- East by:- sy no 112/1 West by:- Podium Road North by:- Villa No. 4. South by:- Villa No.6. All that piece and parcel of property bearing Villa No. 7, in the Project "27 High Street" having four Rooms, one Hall, Kitchen, Car Garages, measuring East to West 33 Feet and North to South 39 Feet and having Super built up area along with common areas of 4573 Sq. feet 3.94% of undivided share equivalent to 3405 sft constructed out of the converted land bearing Survey No. 113/3 measuring 2 acres 22 Guntas out of which an extent of 1 acre 39 Guntas or 86314 Sq. feet situated in Nagondanahalli, Krishnarajapuram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore district, Converted as per the orders of the Deputy Commissioner BEARING No. ALN (EKLW) SR.42/13-14 Dated 13-10-2013 and now within the limits of BBMP and bearing Khatha No. 597/547 and bounded on the:- East by:- Land bearing Survey No. 112, Wes by:- Land bearing Survey No. 113/1 and 4, North by:- Remaining portion of the land bearing Survey No. 113/3 and Road, South by:- Land bearing Survey No. 113/4. Villa boundaries:- East by:- sy no 112/1 West by:- Podium Road North by:- Villa No. 6. South by:- Villa No. 8. All that piece and parcel of property bearing Villa No. 8 in the Project "27 High Street" having four Rooms, one Hall, Kitchen, Car Garages, measuring East to West 33 Feet and North to South 39 Feet and having Super built up area along with common areas of 4614 Sq. feet with 4.15% of undivided share equivalent to 3589 sft constructed out of the converted land bearing Survey No. 113/3 measuring 2 acres 22 Guntas out of which an extent of 1 acre 39 Guntas or 86314 Sq. feet situated in Nagondanahalli, Krishnarajapuram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore district, Converted as per the orders of the Deputy Commissioner bearing No. ALN (EKLW) SR.42/13-14 Dated 13-10-2013 and now within the limits of BBMP and bearing Khatha No. 597/547 and bounded on the:- East by:- Land bearing Survey No. 112, Wes by:- Land bearing Survey No. 113/1 and 4, North by:- Remaining portion of the land bearing Survey No. 113/3 and Road, South by:- Land bearing Survey No. 113/4. Villa boundaries:- East by:- Sy. No. 112/1, West by:- Podium road, North by:- Villa No. 7, South by:- Villa No. 9. 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DAY'S DIARY

Medical emergency

Extreme smog in Delhi, on this day in 2017 urged Indian Medical Association to declare "a state of medical emergency"

AFTER-EFFECTS

A thick cover of smog shrouding the cityscape forced chief minister Arvind Kejriwal to compare the city to a gas chamber and his administration to declare all primary schools closed

REASONS FOR SMOG

The lack of moisture, low wind speeds, dust from construction sites, burning rubbish, and firecrackers were cited as causes

STEPS TAKEN

The government enacted a plan which included traffic restrictions and the shutdown of a major power plant

Check out the events happening this week

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JOKES APART

City-based stand-up comedian Rahul Robin speaks to *CE* about his work going viral and accidentally amassing some politically right-leaning fans

TUNIR BISWAS

IF you speak to most people in India, the first time they ever laid eyes on a stand-up comedian was on a digital screen. Earlier, there was no culture of watching stand-up since it didn't exist. Bit by bit, the scene developed, and the internet played a major role in it. A viral YouTube video can do wonders for a comic's career.

One of the recent examples is of city-based comedian **Rahul Robin** whose stand-up videos – 'Radhe Radhe' and 'Sambhog' – have been doing the rounds on the internet with the former crossing a million views on YouTube. "Anyone who practices an art-form would like their work to gain recognition. Your video gets views and more people subscribe to your channel. Once this happens, you will also have a higher influx of people attending your live shows, which is the intended goal. With this, the stand-up scene also continues to grow. Nowadays, you can see a new stand-up video pop up every week," says Robin, who started doing stand-up in 2018 from Bengaluru.

> *I plan on performing more in tier-2 cities. There exists a comedy culture in those places as well but it's just the local scene is not happening. That will change when comedians perform there more*
>
> Rahul Robin, comedian

After the success of his videos, Robin has seen an increase in his live audience as well. "We build our material from open mics where little to no one shows up. Sometimes we have to cancel the mic because no audience showed up. But now, I can pull a decent crowd and have been doing small shows across the country. I started with Bengaluru and went onto Hyderabad and Pune. Now the goal is to grow my audience," shares Robin.

Speaking of audience, something strange happened after Robin's first video took flight. In the past few years, comedians have been criticised by politically right-leaning masses for their jokes on Hindu gods and religious practices. Robin, however, found an audience among those people through his bit 'Radhe Radhe'. On asking, he insists that this development has been purely accidental and he has no intention to specifically appease any part of the political spectrum. "Before I could sell tickets as a solo act, I was doing line-up shows where various types of comedians used to perform. When I wrote that bit, my only intention was to make it funny. And before any comic uploads a stand-up video, they first try that joke in hundreds of open mics and shows to be certain whether it works or not. I have performed this joke in over a thousand shows and everyone laughed. Now, all those people must have different ideologies, right? It is impossible to have a crowd at a line-up show where everyone shares the same beliefs," says Robin.

But as they say once your art is out, it's for everyone else to interpret it. So, is the recently viral comedian worried about people misinterpreting his work? "That is always a worry but live stand-up is never offensive. You are present in the moment. But even as a video, I do not mention any god's name in the bit. I called the video 'Radhe Radhe' because people say that from where I come from. Since that was my first video, I was essentially greeting the digital crowd," says Robin.

With two videos in the bag, what's next? "I just started my second tour with a show in Bengaluru recently. The scene here is democratic. But I also plan on going to more tier-2 cities this time around. There exists a culture around comedy in those places as well but it's just that the local scene might not be very happening. But that will only change when comedians like me and other comedians who are much bigger than I perform there more and more," concludes Robin.

DONNED BY BOLLYWOOD CELEBRITIES LIKE KIARA ADVANI AND SHEFALI SHAH, THIS SAREE BRAND NOW COMES TO B'LURU

SIX YARDS OF LOVE

MONIKA MONALISA

THEY danced, they climbed and hopped around.. And all of this in a saree, without the slightest sign of discomfort. Sujata and Taniya Biswas, Mumbai-based entrepreneurs who founded Suta, known for their mulmul sarees, say the 'saree is the new t-shirt'.

In the city, launching their latest stores after Mumbai and Kolkata, the Biswas sisters say one of the reasons for having Bengaluru as their latest spot was because, according to their database, they have 'a huge clientele here'. However, it was their personal fondness for the city that got them here as well. "The first time we came here was more than a decade ago for a family holiday, and at that time we were in our respective corporate jobs. We don't even remember which places we visited, but we fell in love with the city so much that we wanted to be associated with the city. Now we are back with Suta," says Taniya, who along with her sister left well-paying corporate jobs to start Suta in 2016.

Started as a project that was born solely out of their love for textiles and the saree, the sisters never thought about the reach. "It was during Covid that we saw a huge boom in the demand since people started ordering online. We had to push ourselves because if we didn't sell the sarees, the weavers wouldn't have an income," says Sujata, adding that they had initially started with just two weavers but now they work with 200 of them. Taniya adds, "One of the other reasons was we met many girls who would take pride in saying 'we don't know how to tie a saree', like wearing a saree is something not cool. We wanted to change that."

Sometimes the beginning is not a problem but consistency is, and Taniya agrees. "It is a never ending process, to ideate and keep yourself relevant with time. Sometimes we take inspiration from conversations we have with people," says Taniya, while showing their LGBTQ+ collection. Sujata points out that it was a conscious decision for them to keep the pricing affordable. "We ourselves would like to pick sarees which are not priced exorbitantly. And it should be-such that it should not dent a college-going girl's pocket."

Started as a humble initiative by bootstrapping, their sarees have arrived in Bollywood as well. The latest one is seen being worn by Shefali Shah in *Doctor G*. However, the founders still fondly remember their first break in Dharma Production's *Lust Stories*, the one that Kiara Advani was wearing during the 'famous orgasm scene'. "Karan Johar's team had visited my workshop, and that time we were operating out of a garage. They selected whatever they wanted and later we saw Kiara Advani wearing it in 'the scene of the anthology'. It was a pleasant surprise," recalls Taniya, adding that it surely got them more visibility since they did not spend anything on the promotions of the brand apart from pushing the social media posts.

Radhika Apte, Kriti Sanon, Madhuri Dixit Nene, Vidya Balan, Kajal Aggarwal and Tisca Chopra in Suta's sarees

The inauguration of the Bengaluru store

Avin Thaliath (@chef_avin), pastry chef and the director of Lavonne Academy of Baking Science And Pastry Arts, dishes out a food-related quiz in this weekly series. Be a real 'whisk' taker and let us know if you have what it bakes. Who knows, your dreams may crumb true.

GRUB HUB

THE QUIZ WILL BE PUBLISHED EVERY SATURDAY

Send answers to **bengalurucityexpress@gmail.com** with the subject line **'Food quiz'**

The correct answers and names of the first three respondents with right answers will be featured in *CE*. The first prize winner this week will win a hamper worth ₹1,000 from Travellers Bunglow**

THE RIGHT ANSWERS

1) Palipalayam 2) Kothu parotta 3) Kari Dosa

FIRST 3 TO GET IT RIGHT

1) BN Shanthalaxmi
2) Anil Kumar Janardanan
3) Lokesh Basappa

CITY READ

Music festival attempts to bring Carnatic music to all

The SFPI (Shibulal Family Philanthropic Initiatives) staged a performance by the Ranjani and Gayatri Sisters at 'Sangamam', the family's new initiative to promote Indian art. The festival took place at the Jyoti Nivas College auditorium and was felicitated by Shibulal and Kumari Shibulal, founder & chairperson, SFPI. Kumari Shibulal said she and her husband were big fans of the singing duo and were delighted to watch them perform at the launch. "Through Sangamam, we plan to encourage and celebrate Indian art and culture," she said. The artistes featured at the festival- The Ranjini - Gayatri Sisters, performed synonymously with the idea behind 'Sangamam', as a confluence of two musicians coming together.

Ahead of the 2022 Bengaluru Comic Con, city-based digital artist Derek Dominic D'Souza shares his journey and the love for his hometown

BRUSH STROKES REIMAGINED

DESE GOWDA

IN late 2014, renowned American physicist and author Alan Lightman received an email from a young art student in India. The student illustrated a few verses from Lightman's book *Song of Two Worlds* for an academic project and at his professor's insistence, he mailed them to Lightman.

Lightman was so impressed with the illustrations that he released a special illustrated edition of his book and asked if the 18-year-old would illustrate the entire book. Bengaluru's **Derek Dominic D'Souza**, then just 18 was taken aback by the offer. Just in his first year of art school, D'Souza had not expected something like this. "I had never illustrated a book before. So, for them to ask me to create this was huge. I felt like an imposter while working on it. But my professor was supportive of me, and the whole experience was uplifting," he shares.

Now a successful and highly regarded digital illustrator, Derek hosted a free-for-all digital art workshop in the city on Sunday ahead of the 2022 Bengaluru Comic Con. "It's always been one of my goals, to be at a Comic Con event and also host a workshop like this," he says.

Born and brought up in the city, D'Souza says having his workshop in his own town was an honour that he didn't expect. D'Souza expressed admiration for the city, sharing that he quit his previous job just to be able to stay in his hometown. "I have lived in other places while working for Disney. In the pandemic, I came back to Bengaluru, and I have never been able to go back. I left that job and started a new one here, because this city is my home and it's perfect. I love the cafes, the weather and everything about this city," he says.

Having developed an interest in art from a very early age, D'Souza says he only discovered digital art in recent years. "My interests with digital art started after I joined art college. Prior to joining art school, I didn't know much about digital art. I always knew that I wanted to be an artist, but I didn't know what kind of artist. Only when I went to college, did I realise that such a thing exists, and that there might be a future in it," he says. D'Souza has since experimented with his art style, now settling on a distinct style that has helped him rack up hundreds of thousands of followers on social media.

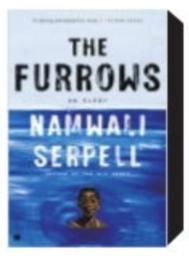
Despite his successes, D'Souza believes that digital art landscape in the country hasn't been very supportive to aspiring artists. "Most view art as a hobby rather than a career in this country. So, making a career out of art is anything but straightforward. If you look at serious opportunities for artists, it's mostly in advertisements, or sometimes you get music videos. But there's not large-scale industry that can support artists. This is very different compared to countries in the west," he explains. But the advent of work-from-home culture, D'Souza feels, has tremendously helped artists find opportunities. "You no longer have to limit yourself to opportunities in a single city or place, you can work anywhere in the world," concludes D'Souza.

BOOK NOOK

Carrie Soto Is Back

by Taylor Jenkins Reid

Carrie Soto is fierce, and her determination to win at any cost has not made her popular. But by the time she retires from tennis, she is the best player the world has ever seen. She has shattered every record and claimed twenty Grand Slam titles.



The Furrows

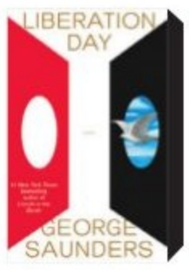
by Namwali Serpell

The Furrows is a bold exploration of memory and mourning that twists unexpectedly into a story of mistaken identity, double consciousness, and the wishful, sometimes willful, longing for reunion with those we've lost.

Bliss Montage

by Ling Ma

Ling Ma brings us eight wildly different tales of people making their way through the madness and reality of our collective delusions: love and loneliness, connection and possession, friendship, motherhood, the idea of home.



Liberation Day

by George Saunders

This collection of short stories explores ideas of power, ethics, and justice and cuts to the very heart of what it means to live in a community with fellow humans.

WHAT WHEN WHY WHERE

Jokes Galore

Start you week on a high note with this stand up comedy show where seasoned comedians in the city make you laugh with their well-crafted bits.

WHERE: Bistro Claytopia, Koramangala
WHEN: November 7
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Edit it Down

If you feel you're lacking in your editing and designing skills, attend this online workshop that will teach you the nitty gritties of Adobe Photoshop and impress your peers with your new-found skills.

WHERE: Zoom
WHEN: Until November 30
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Wine and Dine

If you're over the age of 21, go for this vineyard tour with your friends and family and have a wonderful time tasting their wine and learning interesting facts from several wine connoisseurs.

WHERE: Grover Zampa Vineyard
WHEN: Ongoing
DETAILS: insider.in

Laugh it off

End your Monday and relieve your stress at this comedy show where city-based comedians tickle your fancy with their material.

WHERE: YUCK Comedy Club, Indiranagar
WHEN: November 7
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Dance of Devotion

Attend the classic dance drama The Goddess, choreographed and directed by Rukmini Vijayakumar, which explores the divinity of women power through goddesses Kali, Devi and Durga.

WHERE: Chowdiah Memorial Hall
WHEN: November 7
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Artistic Itch

Feeling the need to scratch your artistic itch? Attend this virtual workshop to learn how to make miniature paintings and fill your room with beautiful artwork made by you that don't take up much space! **WHERE:** Zoom
WHEN: November 7
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

COUNTDOWN TO CHRISTMAS

Ahead of Christmas, people from the city take part in a cake mixing event held at ITC Windsor | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

QUICK FIX

SPICY SESAME POTATOES

Contributed by **Radhika Madhavan,** Chennai

INGREDIENTS

- **Baby potato:** 250g
- **White sesame seeds:** 3 spoonful
- **Red chilli sauce:** 1 tbsp
- **Soy sauce:** 1 tbsp
- **Green chilli sauce (optional):** 1 tbsp
- **Oil:** to lightly fry
- **Salt:** to taste

METHOD

- Wash baby potatoes thoroughly as you'll have to use them with the peel. Pressure cook for four whistles.
- Meanwhile, dry roast sesame seeds in a pan till golden brown. Keep aside.
- In the same pan, heat oil to lightly fry the potatoes. Fry them till the peel turns brown and crispy.
- Add all the sauces. Adjust salt. Give it a nice mix and cook for a minute or two.
- While serving the potatoes, sprinkle sesame seeds generously and serve.

What's cooking in your kitchen?

We are hungry for recipes with minimum ingredients and maximum flavours. Share your quick-fix with us, along with step-by-step photos, at bengalurucityexpress@gmail.com

FIT BIT

TIRYAK TALA-VRIKSHASANA
(SWAYING PALM TREE POSE)

This side bend standing pose is considered a beginner level pose, but it needs a thorough understanding of the body and the placing of the legs and the feet, to get it right. The torso moves backwards while the stretching of the arms above your head.

STEPS

- Begin with Tadasana (Mountain Pose).
- Engage your Mula Bandha, Uddiyana Bandha, and Ujjayi Breathing.
- Inhale and step your feet slightly wider than shoulder distance with toes facing forward and feet parallel.
- Expand the chest and hold your arms straight, parallel to the floor.
- Exhale as you bend to the left side, dropping your left hand either to the side of the left thigh or the left shin. Avoid pressure on the knee joint.
- Bring your right arm overhead and bend at the elbow.
- Inhale, rotate your chest up to the sky.
- Feel the stretch on the right side of your torso and look toward your right hand.
- Reach your right arm over your head with fingertips pointing toward the floor.
- Hold the pose for at least 30 seconds or up to 90 seconds.
- Exhale, release the pose. Inhale and press strongly into both feet to come up.
- Exhale, come back to Tadasana. Repeat on the other side.

BENEFITS

- Lends positive energy to the body and mind.
- Opens the chest and improves breathing.
- Brings stability and balance to both sides of the spine.
- Strengthens and tones the legs and back.
- Improves flexibility to practice similar poses.
- Creates a great impression in the entire spine.
- Enhances digestion.
- Strengthens the muscles surrounding the chest and shoulders.
- Reduces the stiffness around the lumbar, neck and shoulders.
- Keeps the curvature of the spine.
- Stimulates sympathetic nervous system.
- Keeps the prana flow smooth towards the head.

LIMITATIONS

Not recommended for people with a slipped disc, disc bulge, herniated disc or neck and shoulder injuries.

Get expert guidance if you have high or low blood pressure, vertigo, dizziness, headaches, and weak digestion.

NOW STREAMING

REGIONAL

PONNIYIN SELVAN: PART 1 (Tamil)

Vandiyathevan sets to cross the Chola land to deliver a message. Unrest grips the land as a long-tailed comet arrives, signalling a time of turmoil.

Cast: Vikram, Karthi, Jayam Ravi

- **Watch on:** Amazon Prime Video

NAANE VARUVEAN (Tamil)

Prabhu leads a happy life with his family until a vacation changes their lilfe.

Cast: Dhanush, Induja Ravichandran

- **Watch on:** Amazon Prime Video

HEAD BUSH (Kannada)

Head Bush is a biopic of Bengaluru's first underworld don MP Jayaraj.

Cast: Dhananjay, Payal Rajput

- **Watch on:** Zee5

BIMBISARA (Telugu)

An ancient evil king Bimbisara is betrayed by his brother and is trapped in a mirror and teleported to modern-day world. He is then desperate to search for the mirror to break free.

Cast: Kalyan Ram, Samyuktha Menon, Prakash Raj

- **Watch on:** Zee5

APPAN (Malayalam)

A cruel womaniser, who cheated death and has been bedridden for ages, harasses his wife and son out of spite. When he tricks his wife into allowing him to spend time alone with another woman, his family faces a hard decision that can change their entire lives.

Cast: Sunny Wayne, Pauly Valsan, Grace Antony

- **Watch on:** SonyLIV

All the streaming apps can be accessed on smartphones and smart TVs with Internet connection.

BRAHMASTRA (Hindi)

A young man on the brink of falling in love gets his world turned upside down when he discovers he has the power to control fire and a connection to a secret society of guardians.

Cast: Ranbir Kapoor, Alia Bhatt, Mouni Roy

- **Watch on:** Disney+ Hotstar

KOTTHU (Malayalam)

The central characters and their friends engage in a personal squabble with the members of another youth organisation which leads to a public brawl.

Cast: Roshan Mathew, Asif Ali

- **Watch on:** Amazon Prime Video

FOREIGN

BARBARIANS (German, series)

Three people's fates are interwoven in the Battle of the Teutoburg Forest in 9 A.D., during which Germanic warriors halt the spread of the Roman Empire.

Cast: Laurence Rupp, Jeanne Goursaud, David Schütter

- **Watch on:** Netflix

DEADWIND (Finnish, series)

Just months after a tragic loss, detective Sofia Karppi investigates the murder of a woman with ties to a Helsinki construction company.

Cast: Pihla Viitala, Lauri Tilkanen, Mimosa Willamo

- **Watch on:** Netflix

WHERE THE CRAWDADS SING (English)

A woman who raised herself in the marshes of the Deep South becomes a suspect in the murder of a man with whom she was once involved.

Cast: Daisy Edgar-Jones, Taylor John Smith, Harris Dickinson

- **Watch on:** Amazon Prime Video

SEE (English, series)

In the far future, humankind has lost its sense of sight; the father of twins who are born with the mythic ability to see must protect his tribe against a threatened queen.

Cast: Jason Momoa, Sylvia Hoeks, Hera Hilmar

- **Watch on:** Apple TV

SUBSCRIPTION

Disney+Hotstar:	₹199 for 3 months
Zee5:	₹399 for 3 months
Prime Video:	₹179 per month
Netflix:	₹149 per month

BURST OF BOLD FLAVOURS

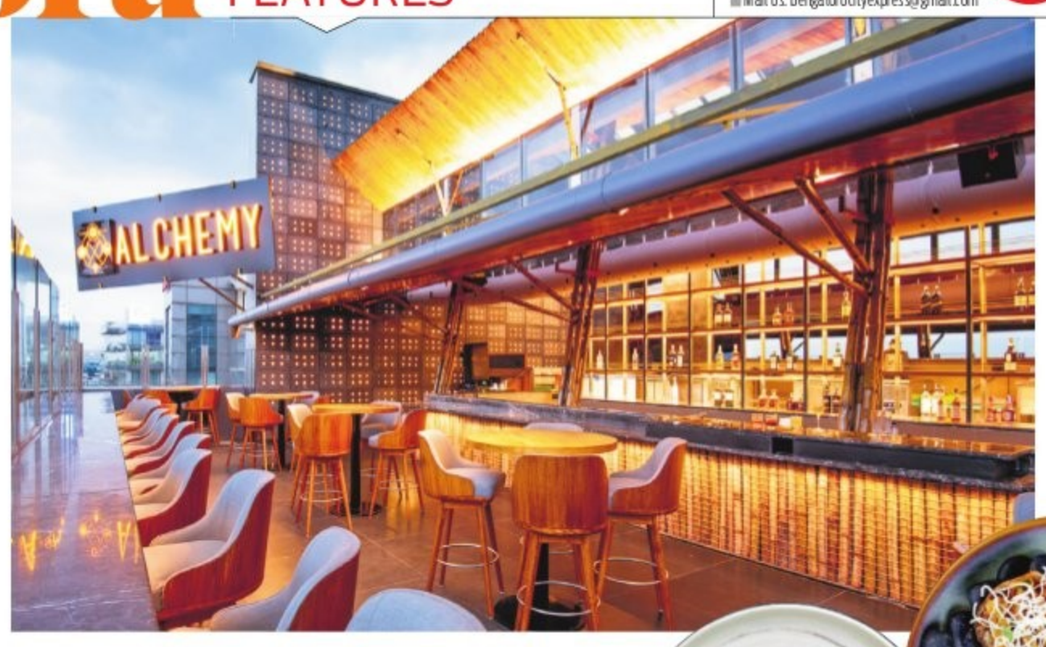
Well-known in the international culinary scene, chef Hari Nayak, who has also helmed Priyanka Chopra's New York restaurant, has introduced a novel menu at a city's rooftop restaurant

ASLAM GAFOOR

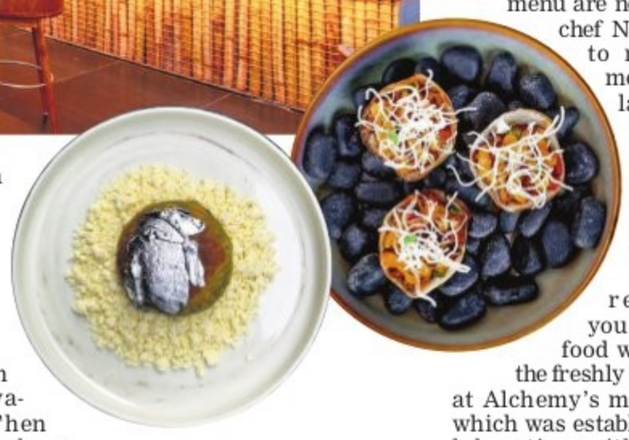
(The writer is a Bengaluru-based hospitality professional, food lover, and travel enthusiast)

THIS week, chef **Hari Nayak**, a restaurateur, author, and culinary consultant based in New York, is in Bengaluru to introduce a novel menu at Alchemy, the rooftop restaurant and microbrewery at The Chancery Pavilion. Chef Nayak, who was born in Udupi, is a well-known personality in the international culinary scene helming restaurant projects in Dubai, Riyadh, Bangkok, and Priyanka Chopra's New York restaurant, as well as six best-selling cookbooks. Chef Nayak draws heavily on his Indian heritage in his approach to the culinary arts, and this dedication has earned him the recognition as one of the most sought-after chefs worldwide.

As culinary consultant, chef Nayak has been putting his magic touch to work conceptualising, developing, and executing the culinary affairs at Alchemy since it opened at The Chancery Pavilion. Inspired by his global experiences, the new menu, which captivates the palate and the eye, is fun, progressive, and celebrates the new India with a burst of bold flavour combinations.



The lobster gassi, a mouthwatering curry from the Mangalurean-Konkani culture that is served with prawn papad and neer dosa, is one of the distinctive dishes on the new menu that incorporates fresh ingredients and innovative presentations. Then there are the truffle bombs, a velvety parmesan truffle korma served with a mushroom galouti packed with truffle butter. Alchemy's version of Mumbai's traditional pav bhaji is a twisted variation using lavash in place of the pav, stuffed with bhaji, and topped with a shichimi cheese sauce. The king dessert, which includes several textures of mango, the king of fruits, is the ideal way to cap off a great dining experience.



The menu also offers a wide selection of top-notch small plates, mains, and desserts. While some of the well-liked top sellers from the original menu have been retained, the majority of the dishes on the menu are new. Celebrity chef Nayak's goal is to refresh the menu at regular intervals in order to stay current with culinary trends from the world.

We highly recommend you to pair the food with some of the freshly brewed beers at Alchemy's microbrewery which was established in collaboration with Australia-based cavalier. Our favourites are the champaran meat with coffee oatmeal stout, chilli cheese bhajji with gagan roo witbier, bheja fry with hoppy kolsch, magic mushrooms with smokin' mosambi sour, and paneer lasagne with rye so mild ale.

RADIANT AND LIT

(The author is social media influencer @loftyspectrums and lifestyle coach)

BENGALURU has been buzzing lately with a lot happening around beauty and fashion. The Deepavali season brought a flurry of house parties happening with the perfect menus and table setting. Festivities are not only about decking out and partying, class is found in details of table setting, flower decor and the selection of appetisers. Table setting adds elegance and whispers the importance of subtleties that go into throwing a great party.

Meenakshi Karanth, who is professionally into table setting says, "Tablescaping is close to me. With Deepavali, I've tried vibrant festive colours on the table, copper coloured glasses, plates from the famous Smithsonian Museum and other elements like lotus, Indian birds, jasmine for chair backs. The chair backs always complete your table setting. It's an intimate affair and more like your style that comes out through each design."

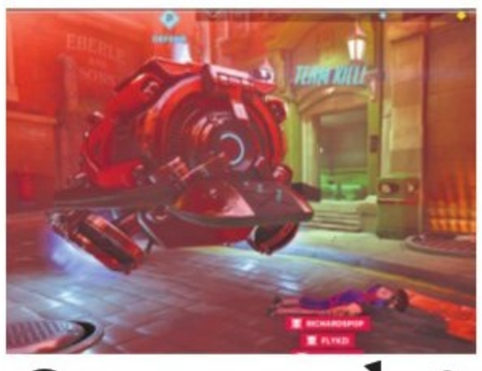
One of the favourite menus this season was the exotic cheese platters and hummus platters along with finger foods while people played cards and danced to Bollywood numbers slaying in their most fashionable avatars.

"Contemporary, luxurious and innovative – these were the key elements for this year's menu. When our clients host, they look for a menu which talks of unparalleled gastronomy and elements typically not available in restaurants. There is a focus on health which is ubiquitous and thus grills and barbeque become mainstream for us. Investments in unique cocktails were noticed almost everywhere," says Sakshi Mithal of Odyssey Contemporary Caterings.

This season saw draped sarees and Shararas in vogue. Sarees worn with plunging neckline tops almost styled as gowns were the 'lit girl' look. Dhotis with corset or crop tops have made a comeback from the late 90s and Y2k fashion. Shopping malls have become more of an experiential centre with great music and bubblies while you shop around with experts on beauty and stylists on fashion guiding you through. The skincare landscape shaping this festive season is novel, unique and believes in smart and effective methods.

The beauty and makeup industry saw many new launches around this festive season with extra shimmer and glitter for the glitterati. The latest trend is customising or getting your own lipsticks done, and the fun part is that you are a part of making it as you choose your shades, hues, the aromas or the natural oils that go into it.

This Deepavali saw these trends in our city. This season festivities have brought about a lot many trends which definitely screamed that it is all about experience and feeling. We need to nurture our mind as well as external appearances to radiate and be lit.



Overwatch 2 is out!

ARE you bored of a specific first-person shooter game that currently holds your attention? Are you tired of the toxic crowd on said FPS game? Join Overwatch 2! Blizzard's new and upgraded version of Overwatch 1! Overwatch 2 has everything you've ever wanted from a sequel to a famous multiplayer game: new playable characters, new maps, and new game modes. It still has a few good months in it before it's overwhelmed by players that find it satisfying to shatter your confidence.

Overwatch 2 released in early October, and is instantly more fun than any game of Valorant I have played. This mostly boils down to the fact that Overwatch relies a little less on 'FPS' abilities, and more to playing to the strengths of the chosen characters. What this means is that if you aren't gifted at aiming, it would not put you at a disadvantage. There are several similarities between the two games, so it's worth making a more detailed reason for why Overwatch feels clearly more fun.

@quofles

(This economics graduate spends her leisure time preparing for the zombie apocalypse)

For starters, the team composition in Overwatch is understandable, and compatible with even beginners in the format. Overwatch enforces a team to have a combination of three classes to balance out the strategies. There's a 'tank' — that takes damage for the team, a 'support' that heals the players on the battlefield, and a 'damage' class that slows the enemy down.

Second, there are currently 36 different maps on Overwatch 2, compared to about eight in Valorant. They are smaller, and easier to understand. Even in the first couple of months playing the game, it's unlikely that you'll learn them all. It keeps the experience fresh. The game also has a different spin on typical game modes, which make it a lot more fun, although sometimes mildly frustrating. Finally, Overwatch 2 is also set to have a PvE mode — which is a co-operative story driven campaign. I played the Halloween challenge as part of the campaign, which felt eerily like Left 4 Dead. More such levels are to release in 2023 as part of the game's lore. Overwatch 2 is currently available for the PC, PlayStation, Xbox, and Nintendo Switch. It is free-to-play, playable across platforms, and stores progress in the 'battle.net' account.

THE NEW INDIAN EXPRESS CLASSIFIEDS

PUBLIC NOTICE
CHANGE OF NAME

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **TEJASWINI.L** previously called as **TEJASHWINI.L** D/o Late Lankesh.K.R, aged about 19 years and resident of #11, Siddanahosalli, Madhanayakanahalli, Madavar Post, Nelamangala taluk, Bangalore Rural District, Karnataka - 562162, have changed my name from **TEJASHWINI.L** to **TEJASWINI.L** vide affidavit dated: 03.11.2022, before Notary A.R.SAMPATH KUMAR, Advocate, DODDABALLAPUR-561 203

CHANGE OF NAME
I, PRAVEEN GOVINDRAJ (New Name), S/o. D. Govindraj, residing at No.26, 10th Cross, Rajanna Layout, Bilekahalli, Bangalore, Karnataka–560076, India, that I have changed my name from PARVEEN (Old Name) to PRAVEEN GOVINDRAJ (New Name), henceforth I shall be known and called as PRAVEEN GOVINDRAJ (New Name) only for all purpose, vide Affidavit dated : 05/11/2022, before Notary H.S. Dharmaprasad, Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT
I, **M Sri Ramkumar**, S/o M. Govindarao, aged about 49 years, R/at No. 344, D Block, DS Max Sandlewood Apartments, Opp. Rockline Studio, Nagasandra, Bangalore North, Bangalore-560073. I state that, my name entered in 10th Std Marks as '**RAMU MYSURU**', in Aadhaar Card entered as '**M SRI RAMKUMAR**', and in my son & daughter education certificates entered as '**M RAM KUMAR**'. Hereby declare that, above said all the names are one and the same and it belongs to me only. Vide Affidavit dated 05.11.2022, sworn before Advocate and Notary public Smt. Vatsala, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **LAKSHMI PADMANABHAN** W/o **Sri D.K Padmanabhan** Aged about 72 Years, R/at No.1089, 66th Cross, 5th Block, Rajajinagar, Bangalore- 560010 have changed my name to **NAGALAKSHMI N**, vide affidavit dated:5/11/2022 Before Notary **M.K.Devaki** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **VEDAVATHI,** W/o Srinivasamurthy G, R/at No. 105, Near Anjaneya Temple, Dasanapura Hobli, Totadaguddadahalli, Nagasandra, Bangalore-560 073, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **VEDAVATHI** to **VEDAVATHI .B,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **VEDAVATHI .B** only for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 4-11-2022, sworn before Notary **M.K. Devaki,** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Rajesh Wagle** Working in Public Sector and presently residing at: House No.3-110A, Abhinandan, Hirgana Post, Karkala, Udupi, Karnataka-576117, India. Do here by declare that my name changed from "Rajesh Mohandas Wagle." (Old Name) to **Rajesh Wagle** (New Name) vide affidavit dated **05.11.2022,** sworn to before me **J. Anand Kumar**, Advocate & Notary, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **P.KASTURI,** Spouse of No. 1349299-W Rank:Ex.Naik, Name: Govindasamy Shaker residing at No. 20, Balaji Layout, 3rd Cross, Near IOB Bank, Tata Nagar Circle, Bangalore-560092, have changed my name from **P.KASTURI** to **KASTHURI.P** vide affidavit Dated 31/10/2022 sworn before Notary Uday Kumar.K, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SHAKILA BANU AJAZ**, W/o Syed Ajaz Ahmed, R/at #455/7, 1st Main Road, 15th Cross, Near Ramalinga Reddy House, Lakkasandra, Adugodi, Bengaluru-560 030, Karnataka do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **SHAILA BANU** to **SHAKILA BANU AJAZ**, henceforth I shall be known and called as **SHAKILA BANU AJAZ** only for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 5th Nov. 2022, sworn before Advocate and Notary **GANGARAJU B.N.** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Anitha Shastri,** aged about 44 years W/o Suresh Govindappa Shastri, Residing at 640/Manasa, 2nd Floor, 16th A Main, 23rd Cross, 1st Block, Gubbalala gate Narayana Nagar, Raghuvanahalli, Doddakallasandra, Bengaluru, have changed my name from **Anitha P. to Anitha Shastri** vide affidavit dated 01/11/2022 before notary **Sri. Uday Kumar Shetty**, Kundapura, Udupi Dist, Karnataka.
Place : Kundapura
Date : 01.11.2022

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **(OLD NAME) SNEHAL,** W/o. No.JC-414269Y, Rank:Sub, Name:Dhane Santosh Namdev, residing at No. 2 Para (SF), Old Military Dairy Farm, Hebbal, Bangalore-560092, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) SNEHAL** to **(NEW NAME) SNEHAL SANTOSH DHANE** vide affidavit Dated 04/11/2022 sworn before Notary Y.R.Chandrasekar, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SARASWATHI,** W/o Dhanashekar, age 54 years, R/at No. 188-1, Giripuram, Mysore Road, Chamarajpet, Bangalore-560 018 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **SARAJA** to **SARASWATHI**, henceforth I shall be known and called as **SARASWATHI** only for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 31st October 2022, sworn before Advocate and Notary **MAMATHA N.K.** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **(OLD NAME) ASWANI SHANOJ** Spouse of NO 16115000P HAV SHANOJ .K Residing at Shanima Nivas, Edayannur (Post), Keezhallur (Vill), Thalassery (Taluk), Kannur (Dist), KERALA (State), Pin: 670595, Have Changed My Name to **(NEW NAME) ASWANI POOKANDY** Vide Affidavit Dated 05.11.2022 Sworn Before Notary MEER HASSAN BANGALORE.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **(OLD NAME) ALISHA,** D/o. No. JC-414269Y, Rank:Sub, Name:Dhane Santosh Namdev, residing at No. 2 Para (SF), Old Military Dairy Farm, Hebbal, Bangalore-560092, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) ALISHA** to **(NEW NAME) ALISHA SANTOSH DHANE** vide affidavit Dated 04/11/2022 sworn before Notary Y.R.Chandrasekar, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **VIJAYALAKSHMI K,** W/o Keerthi Kumar, age 24 years, R/at No. 97/2, 1st Floor, 5th Main Road, Opp. T.R. Mill, 2nd Block, Chamarajpet, Bengaluru-560 018 do hereby declare that both the names i.e. **VIJAYALAKSHMI S** and **VIJAYALAKSHMI K** are one and the same and belongs to me only, vide affidavit dated 4th Nov. 2022, sworn before Advocate and Notary **MAMATHA N.K.** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, SERVICE NO 15317806F RHM P. BABU of unit: 15 ENGR REGT, C/O 56 APO, PIN: 914015, Have Changed My Daughter Name **(OLD NAME) B. PRADEEPA RACHEAL** to **(NEW NAME) PRADEEPA RACHEAL .B** And Son Name **(OLD NAME) B. PRINCE SAMUVEL** to **(NEW NAME) PRINCE SAMUVEL .B** Vide Affidavit Dated 29.10.2022 Sworn Before Notary MEER HASSAN BANGALORE.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **NO. JC414269Y,** Rank:Sub, Name:Dhane Santosh Namdev, residing at No. 2 Para (SF), Old Military Dairy Farm, Hebbal, Bangalore-560092, have changed my Minor Son's name from **ABHISHEK** to **ABHISHEK DHANE** vide affidavit Dated 04/11/2022 sworn before Notary Y.R.Chandrasekar, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **BHAVANI .M** (New Name)aged about 25 years, Daughter of GOVINDASWAMY, Wife of ARUN KUMAR .M, Residing At No.38, AMBEDKAR NAGAR, NEW THIPPASANDRA, BENGALURU-560075, KARNATAKA,declare that I have changed my name from **MARIA NANCY** (Old Name) to **BHAVANI .M** (New Name), these both names refers to one and the same person i.e. myself only, henceforth I shall be known and called as **BHAVANI .M** (New Name) for all my personal, official & legal purpose, vide Affidavit dated : 05/11/2022 before Notary **L.GOPALAKRISHNA** at BENGALURU

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **(OLD NAME) RUDRAMMA .M** Spouse of NO 16112517P HAV BASAVARAJ .H.S Residing At Post: Kolur, Taluk: Muddebihal, Dist: Vijayapur, State: KARNATAKA, Pin: 586129, Have Changed My Name **(NEW NAME) RUDRAMMA B HEBBAL** Vide Affidavit Dated 02.11.2022 Sworn Before Notary MEER HASSAN BANGALORE.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **ABDUL RAZACK ABDUL RAHAMAN,** S/o Abdul Rahaman, R/at No. E-40, 4th Cross, K K Lane, Cottonpet, Bengaluru-560053, have changed my name as **ABDUL RAZACK** vide affidavit dated 05/11/2022 before notary M K Devaki at Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SURABHI SUNILKUMAR BAFNA** (New Name), aged about 34 years, W/o. SUNIL KUMAR SAKLESHPUR DULRAJ, RESIDING AT NO.3260/79, SRI TULASI NIVAS, 5TH CROSS, OPP MORE SUPER MARKET, GAYATHRINAGAR, BENGALURU NORTH, SRIRAMPURAM, BENGALURU-560021, KARNATAKA, declare that I have changed my name from **SURABHI SURESHKUMAR MEHTA** (Old Name) to **SURABHI SUNILKUMAR BAFNA** (New Name), henceforth I shall be known and called as **SURABHI SUNILKUMAR BAFNA** (New Name) for all my personal, official & legal purpose, vide Affidavit dated : 05/11/2022 before Notary **GANGARAJU.B.N.** at BENGALURU

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SHALOM CAROL CHRISTOPHER,** aged 40 years, Wife of Mr. Christopher Asirvatham .A, presently residing at No. 64, 5th Cross, Chikkanappa Layout, Byrathi, Bengaluru - 560 077, Karnataka, hereby declare that I have changed my name from **SHALOM CAROL MASCARENHAS** to **SHALOM CAROL CHRISTOPHER** vide affidavit dated 4.11.2022 sworn to before C. Sharada, Advocate & Notary, Govt. of India, at Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **ARCHANA GANAPATHI NAYAK** aged 44 years, D/o Late. Attavara Ramnath Amin, Residing at Flat No.34124, 12th Floor, Building 3, Tower 4, Prestige Falcon City Apartments, Konanakunte, Bangalore - 560062, have changed my name from **ARCHANA GANAPATHI NAYAK** to **ARCHANA NAYAK** vide affidavit dated 04.11.2022 sworn to before Notary AMBRESHAPPA, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **K.M. SUDHA,** W/o. K.M. Chiranjeevi, Residing at No.28, 2nd Cross, Manasanagar, Nagarabhavi Circle, Nagarabhavi Post, Bangalore -560072, Karnataka, have changed my Name from **M. SUDHA** (Old Name) to **K.M. SUDHA** (New Name), vide affidavit dated: 05.11.2022 sworn before Advocate & Notary Public, **S.N. MADHU,** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **KITLEBILU LOKAIK NAGAPPA,** Residing at No. 819/47, 5th Cross, G R Homes Rayasandra, Huskur Post, Bengaluru - 560 099, have changed my name to **NAGAPPA KITLEBAILU LOKAIAH,** vide affidavit dated: 04.11.2022 before Notary G.B. TURAMARI, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, MENAHI SHAYAN S/o MAQSOOD, Residing At #86, 2nd Block, BTM 4th Stage, Bangalore-560076. Have Changed my name from **MENAHISHAYAN to MENAHI SHAYAN** vide affidavit dated 4/11/2022 sworn before notary Aravind Patil, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I,**B.I.D. KUMAR,** S/o. Late. Ichangi. F.M, aged about 45 years, residing at No.235, Maramma Temple Street, R.T. Street Cross, Chickpet, Bengaluru-560 053. Have changed my minor daughter's name from **YUKTASHREE K ICHANGI** to **YUKTASHREE. K. I.,** sworn to before B. Chitra advocate and notary Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **(OLD NAME) ASHA** Spouse of NO 15330933P NK (L) CHANDRAPPA UPPIN Residing at Melmanahatti (Vill & Post), Gokak (Tehsil), Belagavi (Dist), KARNATAKA (State) Pin: 591231, Have Changed My Name to **(NEW NAME) ASHA UPPIN** Vide Affidavit Dated 03.11.2022 Sworn Before Notary GANGARAJU .B.N. BANGALORE.

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My role in *Raana* is in contrast with my debut'

...says Reeshma Nanaiah, who stars alongside Shreyas Manju in Nanda Kishore's next

A SHARADHAA

REESHMA Nanaiah, who made her debut with Prem's *Ek Love Ya*, feels her second film is equally important. In her sophomore film, *Raana*, which is directed by Nanda Kishore, Reeshma stars alongside *Padehulli* hero Shreyas Manju. Talking about the learnings from her two films, Reeshma said, "More than making mistakes and not wanting to repeat it, I want to do better than my last performance. I was looking for a role that was in contrast to my debut, which is one of the reasons I picked *Raana*. Secondly, I started shooting for Prem's film when I was 17 years, and I'm 20 now. My on-screen appearance too will have a difference."

Reeshma plays the happy-go-lucky Priya in *Raana*, who lives in the present, and enjoys dominating her love. "Priya stands by her love, especially during troubles, and that is her character graph in *Raana*." Calling her experience of working with Nanda Kishore as completely different from her first film, Reeshma says, "In contrast with Prem sir, whose voice was heard all the time on the sets of *Ek Love Ya*, Nanda sir is a very calm director who remains quiet on the sets, and doesn't get tensed." Apart from her upcoming film, *Baandariyalli*, which stars Ganesh in the lead, all of Reeshma's films have mostly newcomers (Raana, Shreyas Manju, and Dhanveerrah). However, she is happy that her films have been directed by experienced directors like Prem, Nanda Kishore and Preetham Gubbi.

Talking about *Raana*, Reeshma says that the team was technically strong. "DoP Shekar Chandru is a fantastic cameraman, and we have music director Chandan Shetty too, who has come with his signature style of songs," says Reeshma who shares that both Shreyas Manju and her have given their best in their second film. "Within newcomers, there is no ego clash. We didn't have any hesitancy in communicating, and we could give and take suggestions. It was a healthy competition."

Reeshma feels that the kind of films she is signing has enabled her to explore her talent. "Hopefully, the directors see my potential, and good projects come my way. Apart from the project, the story, the people, or the team I work with also play an important role in my script selection," she says. In fact, Reeshma admits that her entire family (father, mother, and sister) takes a call on her projects. "I was in my PUC when I started my acting career. They could have easily said no to my passion and asked me to focus on my studies. But they encouraged me and stood by my side. So I'm more than happy to have them be part of the think tank," says Reeshma, adding, "But yeah, there are clashes between them and me regarding the kind of subjects we choose. We later sit and talk, and take a unanimous decision, and it is only then that I go forward with it. We are a family, who enjoys teamwork."

A still from the film

I DIDN'T FIND ANYONE BETTER THAN RAMYA TO PLAY THE ROLE IN UTTARAKAANDA

...says director Rohit Padaki, who gives us a brief about the actor's role in her first-ever gangster drama

Director Rohit Padaki

It is a pleasure to return to the silver screen with such a good film team: RAMYA

Ramya speaking about her comeback film, *Uttarakaanda*, the actor says, "When I was asked for the role of the heroine in *Ratnan Prapancha*, I could not accept the project due to some reasons. It is a pleasure to return to the silver screen with such a good team. In recent days, the association with this team and the love and affection shown to me have given me the feeling that I am in a good place. Can't wait to start shooting with such giant talents"

The dream of sharing screen space with Sandalwood Queen is coming true: DHANANJAY

"My role in Uttarakaanda will be one of my toughest roles," says Dhananjay, adding, "I believe that miracles happen when like-minded people come together and they selflessly contribute to the cinema. This will be my second project with director Rohit Padaki, and a hat-trick collaboration with producers Karthik and Yogi. Uttarakaanda is another bold step, and I am hoping to head towards another milestone."

About working with Ramya, Dhananjay says, "The dream of sharing the screen with our Sandalwood Queen is coming true through this movie."

Vijay Kiragandur, Ashwini Puneeth Rajkumar and team at the *at the muhurath event of Uttarakaanda*

CE FEATURES

RAMYA'S long-awaited return to the silver screen is finally coming to fruition with the Dhananjay-starrer *Uttarakaanda*. Talking to CE, director Rohit Padaki said that they were looking for an actor, who has the calibre to pull off a strong character, and Ramya fit the bill perfectly. "I had approached Ramya for my previous film, *Ratnan Prapancha*, but she couldn't make it. Finally, with *Uttarakaanda*, it is happening," says Rohit, who added that he approached Ramya after she backed out of Raj B Shetty's *Swati Muthina Male Haniye*.

This will be Ramya's first Kannada film in the gangster drama genre. Not revealing many details about her role, Rohit shares that Ramya will play a headstrong rural woman in her early 30s. *Uttarakaanda* is billed as a mass entertainer, and is set in North Karnataka. "This movie depicts the struggle of a man's eccentric mind. The theory of right and wrong. *Uttarakaanda* is a celebration, and telling a story of North Karnataka was a big challenge and responsibility," says Rohit.

Apart from Dhananjay and Ramya, the makers are planning to rope in big names and currently are said to be in talks with a couple of top stars.

The film presented by Vijay Kiragandur is jointly produced by Karthik Gowda, and Yogi G Raj and the makers will begin shooting in January 2023. Uttarakaanda will have Charan Raj scoring the music, and Arvind Kashyap taking care of the cinematography.

A still from *Tribble Riding*

Release date of Ganesh's *Tribble Riding* announced

CE FEATURES

GANESH-starrer *Tribble Riding* finally gets a release date. The film, which is billed to be an out-and-out comedy, will be hitting the theatres on November 25. An official announcement was made by the team on Saturday. This Mahesh Gowda directorial will be the next release for the Golden Star, who delivered a hit with his previous film, *Gaalipata 2*. Apart from Ganesh, *Tribble Ridding* stars Megha Shetty, Rachana Inder, Aditi Prabhudeva, Rangayana Raghu, Sadhu Kokila, Ravi Shankar Gowda, and Kuri Pratap. Bankrolled by Ramgopal, Tribble Riding has Sai Kartheek composing the music and Jai Anand handling the cinematography.

Alia and Ranbir Kapoor welcome baby girl

CE FEATURES

ALIA Bhatt and Ranbir Kapoor are now parents, as per reports. They welcomed their first child, a baby girl, on Sunday.

Earlier today the actor was admitted to the HN Reliance Hospital in Mumbai's Girgaon for the delivery of her child. However, there has been no confirmation from the parents or from the families over the birth yet.

The couple got hitched in April this year, after being in a relationship for around five years, and announced their pregnancy soon after.

Even after the announcement, Alia has been unstoppable. She has launched her own line of maternity wear and has been relentlessly promoting her films. During the promotion of Netflix's Darlings she talked about the stress during pregnancy and advised expecting women to continue working even during this period.

Also, during the acceptance speech after being honoured with Time100 Impact award, the actor mentioned how the baby 'relentlessly kicked' her throughout her speech.

Alia and Ranbir got married on April 14 at an intimate ceremony at the latter's residence Vastu in Pali Hill. The two had started dating on the sets of Ayan Mukerji's *Brahmastra*.

Pradeep Varma's Indie film, *The Fallen* looks for an OTT release

Director Pradeep Varma on the sets of *The Fallen*

CE FEATURES

THE Fallen, which is Urvi director Pradeep Varma's first Indie film in Hindi, is currently doing its festival rounds. Having won a few awards, including at the Cult Critics movie awards, Mountainview International film festival. The film was also a semifinalist at the Los Angeles Film Awards, and was nominated for the Jean Luc Godard award.

The 100-minute film, set in the year 4100, features Sathya BG and Anupama Gowda as the leads. Shot in Ladakh and parts of Himachal Pradesh, the makers, who are still planning to submit the film to different festivals, are looking to release the film on OTT. "We are in talks with the major streaming platforms, and working on the formalities before we announce the release date, and on which digital platform it's going to be out," says Pradeep.

The Fallen also stars Bhavani Prakash, Mayuri Nataraja, and Raghava in important roles. The film, conceptualised by Pradeep, is about a biologist's prediction about the time when the sixth great extinction would have already occurred, and the remaining species are trying hard to survive. The Fallen, made under Dhakka Productions, will have music composed by Aparajit and cinematography by Anand Sundaresha.

Stills from the film